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enator Wolcott Going Abroad To Sound Bimetallists.

S MAJOR M'KINLEY'S SANCTION

et Over-Sanguine as to the Success of His Mission, But Is Hopeful That Good Can Be Accomplished.

New York, Jan. 2.—United States Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, who recently visited President-elect McKinley and conferred with him relative to international bimettallic conference, will sail for London to-day. His ission abroad is for the purpose of nding English bimetallists as to the ediency of an international conference, and it is understood that the orado senator has the sanction of president-elect for his negotiations. He would not discuss that feature of is trip. "It is a fact," said he, "that am going abroad for a month or so, nd it is equally true that I expect to confer with a number of European bimetallists. I am not prepared to say what the result may be, though I am opeful that good can be accomplished." Senator Wolcott was averse to discussing the general aspects of his mission, and alleged that nothing would have been known of the matter until after his departure but for the correspondents at Canton, who made public the fact of his conference with Major McKinley. As to the details of what happened there, the senator would say nothing, and the nature of his interview can only be judged from his admission that he is acting under the full knowledge and with the full consent of the president-elect. But he talked of the administration policy with respect to silver, premising that he was speaking unofficially, in this way: "It is not true that I am commissioned to act as the representative of the administration. The only official character I acknowledge is derived from the republican senatorial caucus committee, whose envoy I am. The republican senators who desire to keep the promises made in the St. Louis platform want to know just what the feeling is abroad with regard to international bimetallism, and they have requested me to find out and report to them. So little is known here about the news and plans of the gentlemen in London and on the continent who are understood to be 'international bimetallists' that the committee thought it best that I should have personal conferences with as many of them as possible. "I am not entirely sanguine of success," added Senator Walcott.' When I come back I shall know more about the prospect for an international agreement." "What is the attitude of the administration concerning the bringing about of an international agreement?" "The administration is committed to international bimetallism by the St. Louis platform," said Senator Wolcott. "So far as I know there is not a republican in congress and very few out of it who is not in favor of international bimetallism. The platform is plain on that point."

Solemn High Mass for School Children.

Lawrence, Mass., Jan. 2.—Solemn high mass was celebrated in St. Mary's church yesterday for the school children and the Catholic children in the public schools were excused for the occasion. Over 2,800 children were in the church during the services. A choir of 400 children took the place of the regular choir and rendered the musical portions of the mass. Archbishop Martinelli presided. Last night a street parade of all Catholic societies in the city was held in honor of the distinguished prelate.

Czar's New Year's Greeting to France.

Paris, Jan. 1.—President Faure received a telegram from the czar yesterday, in which the Russian emperor, in addition to the usual New Year's greetings, expressed his good wishes for the prosperity of France. "Among the pleasantest recollections of the past," the czar concludes, "are those of my charming sojourn in your beautiful country, the memory of which is ineffaceable."

Death of Edward M. Johnson.

Oneonta, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Edward M. [illegible], journal clerk of the assembly of the state of New York, who died of Bright's disease, after four months' illness, at his home in Oneonta yesterday, was born in London, England, 63 years ago and came to America when a few years of age. For many years he was one of the leading republican politicians of the state. The funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon.

Negroes in Danger of Lynching.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 2.—Six negroes [illegible] under arrest for the brutal murder of C. H. P. Miller, proprietor of the Southern Pacific hotel, whose body was found in an unused bar room, his head beaten to a pulp. The jail is heavily guarded and as soon as [illegible] of proof is obtained [illegible] will probably be lynched [illegible] 2,000 people are at the jail. The affair.

NATIONAL GUARD ROW.

Ex-Gov. Morton and Gen. McAlpin Decline To Discuss McLewee's Charges.

Albany, Jan. 2.—Ex-Gov. Morton and Adjt.-Gen. McAlpin refuse absolutely to discuss Inspector-General McLewee's attack upon them published in the New York newspapers. Gen. McAlpin's attention was called to the statement by Gen. McLewee that he (Gen. McAlpin) lectured on temperance before Young Men's Christian associations and drank intoxicants the same evening; also that the last state camp of the National Guard was nothing more than a carousal; that there was one member of the staff who was drunk 150 times in fifty days, drunk on every public occasion, always at somebody else's expense; also that the same man had never been inside of an armory, yet it is his duty to visit all of them. "I have nothing to say in reply to anything he may have to say," said Gen. McAlpin. The National Guard is greatly excited over the controversy between the two big warriors of ex-Gov. Morton's retiring staff, and there are many rumors of personal encounters between them. A friend of Gen. McLewee told a reporter that he would demand a personal explanation of Gen. McAlpin the first time he met him.

VOTING POPULATION.

Michigan's Foreign Born Outnumber Native in 32 Counties and Many Cities.

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 2.—Secretary of State Gardner has issued advance sheets of a bulletin, based on the last state census, embodying statistics of the male population of voting age, which contain some very interesting information. The number of males of voting age in the state was 651,920, as compared with 538,177 returned in 1884, an increase of 21.13 per cent. Of this total number 393,225 are native and 258,695 are foreign born. There are thirty-two counties in the state in which the foreign born males of the voting age outnumber the native. The foreign born males of voting age outnumber the native in twenty-five cities. The excess in several cities in the upper peninsula exceeds 100 per cent. In Detroit, the largest city in the state, the excess of foreign born is 10,033, and in Grand Rapids, the second city, the native exceeds the foreign born by only 1,400.

NO CHARTER OBTAINABLE.

The Window Glass Workers' Association Will Probably Soon Dissolve.

Pittsburg, Jan. 2.—The last hope of those members of the American Window Glass Workers' association that the organization could be held together has been dissipated by a legal opinion furnished by their attorney, who says that under the present laws no charter of incorporation could be obtained for the association. This decision being adverse, a rapid dissolution of the organization is expected, and it is probable that an application will soon be made for the appointment of a receiver to wind up its affairs. For several years the window glass workers' association was accounted the most autocratic and powerful of all the labor organizations of the world. The assets of the organization are said to amount to about $56,000, and the liabilities to $180,000.

NOT TO SUCCEED DEPEW.

Ingalls Denies That He Is To Become President of the New York Central.

Cincinnati, Jan. 2.—When the attention of E. M. Ingalls of the Big Four railroad was called to-day to a report that he was to be promoted to succeed Chauncey M. Depew of the New York Central road, and that Depew was to receive a first-class diplomatic appointment from President McKinley, he frankly and quickly replied: "There is not anything in it so far as I am concerned. Cincinnati cannot get rid of me so easily as that," and the president closed the incident with a cheery "good-bye."

Dinner to Pittsburg Newsboys.

Pittsburg, Jan. 2.—The thirty-eighth annual newsboys and bootblacks' dinner given by the Leader was served in the old City hall yesterday afternoon. Over 1,100 boys attempted to do justice to the bill of fare, and their presence and feasting in the historic building was a memorable spectacle. It was a great dinner, a great party of banqueters, and, viewed from the boys' standpoint, a great beginning for the year of 1897.

Desperate Revenge.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 2.—M. J. Ryan, chief of the fire department, was shot five times yesterday afternoon by assistant chief Frank Wood, two of the bullets taking effect, one in the back and one in the right thigh. Wood had been reported for drunkenness, and Mayor Mayo was in the act of writing the order of suspension when the shooting took place.

Fatal Powder Mill Explosion.

Xenia, O., Jan. 2.—Yesterday afternoon a terrific explosion occurred at the Miami Powder Co.'s works, a few miles north of [illegible]. Kretzer, married, single, employes [illegible] fatally hurt. The [illegible] sion is unknown.

BUSINESS IS QUIET

The Closing Week the Dullest Since the First of November.

HOLIDAY SEASON LARGELY THE CAUSE

Western Bank Failures the Outcome of Conditions Originating Within Themselves---Several Favorable Indications Now in View.

New York, Jan. 2.—Bradstreet's weekly review of the state of trade for the week just ending will to-day say: General trade has been rather more quiet, and this week proves one of the dullest of the dull season which has followed the fortnight of revival demand early in November. The uneasiness last week caused by northwestern bank failures is continued by similar embarrassments at Chicago and Minneapolis. These bank failures seem to be the outcome of conditions originating in the banks and not due to the situation of general trade. Unseasonable weather, the making of inventories and the customary absence of demand in wholesale lines, have combined to produce more than the usual holiday dullness. More favorable reports include heavy exports of flour and general merchandise to China and Japan, the receipt of a satisfactory amount of orders for dry goods for spring delivery and an increased total volume of business of 1896 among shoe manufacturers and jobbers, and jobbers of dry goods, as compared with 1895. Quotations for corn, exports of which continue relatively heavy: for wheat, of which the same may be said, and for coffee and for hides and leather, are higher.

Prices of Staples.

Manufacturers of woolen goods are buying raw material only to cover orders received. Large stocks of unsold print cloths continue to depress business, and merchants in leading staple lines at large distributing centres do not expect an early improvement. Prices of oats, petroleum, cotton and print cloths are lower, and buyers of western and southern brands of pig iron report a cut of 25c. a ton. Prices are unchanged and comparatively firm for flour, pork, lard, sugar, anthracite coal and steel billets. Since the break in iron and steel prices, consumers appear inclined to await developments.

New York Stock Market.

Holiday dullness has prevailed in the New York stock market. Prices have been moderately strong, and the market's tone is influenced by expectations of a better demand for securities in the opening months of the new year. The favorable foreign trade balance is considered a bull factor. Foreign exchange is steady after a slight decline, due probably to selling of hypothecated exchange and to the anticipation of January payments abroad.

Business Failures.

The list of business failures throughout the United States for 1896 is, with the exception of 1893, the longest since records of this character have been compiled. It is proper to explain that only those business embarrassments are included as failures in which total liabilities are in excess of actual assets, except in the case of banks the suspension of payment by which during business hours, for however short an interval, is regarded as a failure. The total number of business failures during 1896, 15,112, is an increase of 16 per cent. over 1895. An increase of 16 per cent. in number of failures and 55 per cent. in total liabilities may be made clear only on the ground that all of the disturbing conditions which have marked the state of trade in recent years have not been eliminated, and that many concerns have foundered in the prolonged struggle to tide over to the returning wave of increased consumptive demand.

Output of Minerals and Metals.

New York, Jan. 2.—The Engineering and Mining Journal to-day will say: The production of minerals and metals in the United States for the year 1896 is given at a total value of $633,311,468, showing a decrease as compared with 1895 of $24,689,266, or about 3½ per cent. This decrease was largely in values rather than in quantities; in none of the chief articles was there any marked decrease, while in several there were considerable increases.

Shoe Factory Strike Settled.

Stoneham, Mass., Jan. 2.—The strike which has been on in the shoe factory of F. B. Jenkins & Co., in Stoneham, for two weeks, caused by a proposed reduction of 10 per cent. all around, has been amicably settled, and this morning the cutters and stitchers went to work, concessions having been made by both sides.

Hackettstown Druggist in Trouble.

Belvidere, N. J., Jan. 2.—The grand jury of Warren county has found three bills of indictment against William F. Shields, a prominent and well-to-do druggist of Hackettstown for criminal operations. He was arrested and brought here, where he gave bail. His trial is set for Jan. 11.

SENATORIAL FIGHTS

Heated Contests Now Being Waged in Several States.

ILLINOIS HAS SIX CANDIDATES

Fairbanks in the Lead in Indiana and Vest's Re-election from Missouri Almost Assured---The Outlook in North Carolina.

Indianapolis, Jan. 2.—The legislature will meet for organization next Thursday morning, and there is a strong movement on foot to hold the republican joint caucus to settle the senatorial succession that same evening, though the election does not come up until June 19. The republicans have a majority of twenty on joint ballot, and the fight will be settled within the caucus. The candidates are Chas. W. Fairbanks, R. W. McKeen, Gen. Lew Wallace and judge R. S. Taylor. The supporters of Mr. Fairbanks claim enough votes to nominate on the first ballot in the caucus.

Six Candidates in Illinois.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 2.—The Illinois legislature will convene January 6. The most important business before it, a topic which is at present all-absorbing, is the election of a United States senator to succeed Hon. John M. Palmer. There are six candidates: William E. Mason, Clarke E. Carr, ex-minister to Denmark, and for some time speaker of the lower house; John M. Hamilton of Chicago; Samuel W. Allerton, the millionaire pork packer, also of Chicago; congressman Robert R. Hitt, and Martin B. Madden, a Chicago alderman.

Vest Will Likely Succeed Himself.

St. Louis, Jan. 2.—Political interest in the coming biennial session of the state legislature centers upon the election of a United States senator to succeed George C. Vest. There is a large democratic majority on joint ballot and the contest, if there is to be one, will be a democratic family affair. Mr. Vest is a candidate for re-election. Half a dozen names have been suggested as contestants, but none are considered as serious opponents of Mr. Vest, and at present the outlook it is safe to say that he will succeed himself.

North Carolina Senatorial Fight.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 2.—Prominent republicans from all parts of the state are assembling here to participate in the great senatorial fight. Interest is greater than ever before in a similar contest. Republicans here all declare for Pritchard. The secretary of the republican state committee, who is conducting Pritchard's campaign, says there are 72 republicans in the legislature, and, as 86 is a majority, Pritchard lacks 14 votes. The populists claim 60 members out of 170 composing the legislature.

Long Fight in North Dakota.

Bismarck, N. D., Jan. 2.—The Senatorial situation to-day is this: Hansbrough has a far greater following than any other candidate, but it lacks about ten votes of a majority of all the republicans in the legislature. It looks as though there would be no caucus, a long fight in the legislature, which meets Jan. 5, and the final defeat of Hansbrough by some such deal as that in which Roach won a few years ago.

Kyle Men Hopeful in South Dakota.

Huron, S. D., Jan. 2.—Many populist members of the legislature are gathered here to-day to discuss the senatorial situation. The Kyle men were so hopeful of the outcome that they expressed their entire willingness to go into caucus. The legislature meets January 6.

Big Corporations Consolidated.

Hopedale, Mass., Jan. 2.—All the principal corporations controlled by the Drapers are being consolidated into one large new corporation with $5,500,000 capital. E. S. Draper is president and George A. Draper treasurer. Among the firms included are the Hopedale Machine company, Dutcher Temple company, Hopedale Machine Screw company, and George Draper & Sons. The change will take place as soon as the legal formalities are perfected. The new corporation will be known as the Draper company.

Wages To Be Cut at Homestead.

Pittsburg, Jan. 2.—Notices have been posted at the Homestead Steel works of the Carnegie company that a readjustment will be made in the wages of employes in the two open hearth mills, which will affect the tonnage men and probably amount to from 20 to 30 per cent reduction in their wages. The workmen are angered, and they sent a committee to present their protests to General Superintendent Schwab, who told them that he would lay the matter before the company's officials.

Funeral of Joseph B. McCullagh.

St. Louis, Jan. 2.—The funeral of Joseph B. McCullagh, late editor of the Globe-Democrat, will take place this afternoon. Services will be conducted by Rev. John Snyder of the Unitarian Church of the Messiah.

GOV. BLACK'S RECEPTION.

Many Persons Shake Hands with the New Chief Executive of New York.

Albany, Jan. 2.—On returning from the inaugural ceremony yesterday Gov. Black held a public reception in the executive chamber from 1 until 2 o'clock, after the members of his staff had been sworn in. Mrs. Black and the governor's son were presenter to the governor by Col. Cole, who laughingly remarked that he supposed they had met before. Mrs. Black congratulated her husband, and young Mr. Black partook of the honors of the occasion. Former Gov. Morton seemed relieved of his official burdens, for he mingled with the crowd as though happy that he was simply Mr. Morton again. Lieut.-Gov. Woodruff also was a prominent figure at the reception. The lieutenant-governor stood just beyond the governor and shook the hand of all those who passed by. Over 1,000 persons shook the hand of the governor during the hour, including the state officers and heads of departments. Gov. Black stood the ordeal nobly. The handshaking was rather severe on the governor's right hand, causing a breaking of the skin, so that blood appeared, but the governor did not complain.

Reception at Executive Mansion.

The reception to the general public at the executive mansion, which was for both ladies and gentlemen, was probably the largest New Year's reception held by a chief executive of the state in years. Governor and Mrs. Black received in the large north parlor on the main floor of the mansion. They were assisted in receiving by Mrs. William Barnes, jr., of Albany; Mrs. Woodruff, the wife of the lieutenant-governor; Mrs. Charles S. Francis of Troy and others. The staff officers in full uniform also assisted the governor in receiving. It is estimated that the callers at the mansion numbered 5,000 people, and there was a surging stream of visitors from 3 o'clock until 5:30. All of the state officials and head of departments with their wives were among the callers, and many prominent republicans from all over the state as well as the leading citizens of Troy and Albany.

NO PLACES FOR STRIKERS.

Boston Street Railway Company Determined To Stand by the New Men.

Boston, Jan. 2.—The West End Street Railway company has made its formal reply to the committee of citizens appointed at the Faneuil hall meeting to express sympathy with the striking conductors and motormen. The document is practically a reiteration of the company's statement with regard to the road's position towards the strikers and the new men employed in their places. The old men, the document says, may file their applications for work, and these will be considered only in the regular course of business by the application bureau. The company, it further says, has all the men required for the present condition of traffic and no further engagements are required at this time. No men will be discharged for the purpose of reinstating old employes. The company will always be ready to receive a grievance committee of its own employes and consider that no personal interview with the Faneuil hall committee is necessary.

SECRETARY M'CRAITH OUT.

Resigns from the Federation of Labor---Renews His Attack on Gompers.

Indianapolis, Jan. 2.—Secretary McCraith of the American Federation of Labor, who made the sensational charge against President Gompers at the recent convention of the federation at Cincinnati, that he made a deal with Senator Jones, chairman of the democratic national committee, which contemplated the giving of the federation's influence to the free silver forces, has resigned his position. McCraith repeated his charge and produced letters purporting to have passed between President Gompers and Col. Wetmore of St. Louis, a representative of Chairman Jones, arranging for a meeting between Gompers and Wetmore which took place in Chicago, September 3. President Gompers denied the charges of McCraith, saying that the ex-secretary was a liar and a scoundrel.

Emancipation Day Celebrated.

Boston, Jan. 2.—Yesterday, being the thirty-fourth anniversary of the signing of the Emancipation proclamation by President Lincoln, the day was celebrated quite extensively by the colored people in the several cities and towns of the state. In Boston there was a military and civic demonstration through the streets under the auspices of the Robert Gould Shaw Veteran association.

Gov. Black's First Official Act.

Albany, Jan. 2.—The first official act of Gov. Black after signing [illegible] warrants for his staff was [illegible] Worth of Brooklyn to be clerk of Kings county for the unexpired term of one year.

Delegate to Monetary Conference.

Hartford, Jan. 2.—President J. M. Allen, of the Hartford board of trade, has appointed delegates to the sound money convention at Indianapolis, January 12.

AIDED A FILIBUSTER

Revenue Cutter Pulled the Commodore Off a Mud Bar.

ESCORTED HER TO DEEP WATER

Captain-General Weyler Again Indulges in Boastful Talk---Few Rebels Left and the Insurrection About at an End.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 2.—The filibustering steamer Commodore, which left Jacksonville yesterday with a cargo of arms and ammunition, stuck in the mud a few miles below this city, and the revenue cutter Boutwell, passing down the river, pulled her off and escorted her safely across the bar.

WEYLER'S BOASTFUL TALK.

According to His Assertion, the Insurrection Is About a Thing of the Past.

Havana, Jan. 2.—A reporter of the Diario de la Marina has had an interview with Captain-General Weyler in the Mata Toro camp. Speaking of the situation in the province of Pinar del Rio, Gen. Weyler said that, speaking from the standpoint of strength and importance, the insurrection in that province was a thing of the past. The few insurgents remaining were compelled to hide. His own column and those of the other Spanish commanders had overrun the base and interior of the hills and had met no rebels. The insurgents, after the death of Maceo, were without a leader, he asserted. Rivera, Maceo's successor, was unpopular among his men. Gen. Weyler added that his statements would be confirmed after Gens. Melguizo and Arolas had completed their operations, which included the sweeping of the province from east to west. Gens. Hernandez, Velazco, Obregan, Bernal, Ruiz, Fuentes and Segura were now in the centre of the hills. Perhaps Gen. Arolas was also there. Once the Rubi hills were fortified a severe blow might be directed against the rebels under Ducassis. Gen. Weyler said in conclusion that he would allow no houses to be built on the outskirts of the towns, as were they constructed they would serve mostly as refuges for bandits.

An odd feature of the above interview is that Gen. Weyler, while declaring that Pinar del Rio is practically free of insurgents, finds it necessary to have the Rubi hills fortified before he will attempt to strike a blow at the rebels under Ducassis.

Escaped from a Cuban Prison.

Utica, N. Y., Jan. 2.—More than a year ago Bert Shepherd of Richfield Springs mysteriously disappeared. His mother has just received a letter from him, stating that when on his way to Cuba with others a year ago he was arrested in Mexico on the charge of conspiring against the Spanish government. He and the other members of the party were kept in prison without a trial. A few days before Christmas Shepherd and his companions escaped and are now in Texas.

Electricity on Farms.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Consul Muth sends to the state department an interesting description of a farm in Mecklenburg, Germany, where electricity has been made to take the place of labor to a great part. A turbine drives a dynamo which lights the barns, yards and dwelling and furnishes current of low tension to work pumps, ripping saw cutter, lathe, grindstone, large band saw and threshing machine. One man only attends to the entire plant, which experience proves has reduced the expenses of the farm in considerable degree.

Sentenced to Long Term in Prison.

Boston, Jan. 2.—Charles H. Avery, [illegible] the police records at headquarters to show to be a habitual criminal, has been arrested at Natick, Mass., for Boston authorities, charged with forgery. Avery has already served three terms of imprisonment in the Massachusetts state prison. Under the law as a habitual criminal Avery will be liable to a sentence of twenty-five years in state prison if he is convicted of the present offense.

Murdered His Wife; Cut His Own Throat.

Boston, Jan. 2.—Samuel Whittaker, a shoe mender, living in Rindge avenue, North Cambridge, shot and killed his wife, Catherine, yesterday afternoon, by blowing the top of her head off with a shot gun. He then attempted suicide by cutting his throat with a razor. He was taken to the Cambridge hospital in a critical condition. The couple have had numerous quarrels. The Whittakers have eight children.

Hartford Broker Missing.

Hartford, Jan. 2.—Henry A. Cowles, a well known broker of this city, is missing. He left Hartford one week ago, ostensibly to go to New York on business, and not a trace of him has been found since. The many creditors of the firm are considerably worked up over the matter. Financial difficulties are thought to be the basis of Mr. Cowles' disappearance.

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NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION.

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[Special Washington Letter.]

"The king is dead. Long live the king."

Not only in royal circles, but in every walk of life we often find that the funeral baked meats do coldly furnish forth the wedding breakfast.

Thus also, it is with time. Tottering away into the niche of history prepared for it, the old year trembles and quavers into the oblivion of memory or forgetfulness. The tolling bells scarce conclude their requiem at midnight, when, with magic touch, they change their tune to peals of joyous gladness because of the birth of the new year.

At the very moment, in the twinkling of an eye, just as the old year is shrouded and coffined, the infant new year is cradled and rocked with the caressing hand of universal mankind while it is fleece-lined with the spotless, beautiful snow of midwinter. "The king is dead. Long live the king." The old year is dead. Long live the new year.

For many generations it has been customary to make New Year's day a holiday for social calls, every friend being expected to remember every friend; but the custom of formally receiving friends on this glad, gay day survives perfectly only in Washington at the present time. This is caused mainly by reason of the fact that the president of the United States holds his first annual public reception on the first day of the calendar year. Nothing more democratic than the New Year's reception at the white house is known even in the democratic United States. On the first day of the year statesmen, diplomats and reverend judges rub elbows with the public, but not with the great unwashed public. A clean face and hands, and a tidy costume, are the only passports required at the gates of the white house grounds.

Business never begins in Washington until nine o'clock in the morning, and the higher public functionaries never make their appearance officially until nearly noon. But on New Year's day things are different. Carriages begin to fly about at an early hour. Men in the uniform of the army or navy are seen hurrying from place to place, many of them awkward in the

CROWDING THE SIDEWALKS.

unfamiliar garments, for uniforms are little worn in Washington, though they are an invariable feature of every story or play which is supposed to illustrate Washington life.

Everybody goes to the white house. Straight is the gate and broad is the way, but few there be which go in thereat, because it is impossible that more than 10,000 people should pass in review before the president; and it is beyond all conceit that the chief magistrate should shake hands with more than 3,000 people inside of three hours.

In the three parlors, the blue, the green and the red, there are thousands of dollars' worth of flowers, ferns and plants of every description. They come from Greenland's icy mountains and from India's coral strand. Every variety of vegetation that is beautiful and desirable is represented here. The hothouses of the agricultural department, the botanical gardens and the conservatories of the executive mansion have been actually looted to make up the floral display and decorations which so enhance the beauty of the executive mansion.

In the great east room, the magnificent apartment which Dolly Madison used to use as a drying room on washdays, the mantels and grates are hidden by a great mass of brilliant foliage and bloom, while the corners are tropical with palms and huge ferns and rubber plants. The curtains in all these rooms are drawn, and the glow from "sunbursts" of electric light illumines the east parlor. In the other parlors the softened radiance of frosted electric bulbs, springing from the tapestried walls, lends brilliance to the spectacle.

At least 15,000 people are out on Pennsylvania avenue, crowding the sidewalks the entire length of the white house front, covering part of the concreted plaza on either side of the cable car tracks, all along the opposite side of the avenue, and extending up and down Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets. These cannot enter, but they can see the gorgeously attired diplomats and officers of the army and navy, and they are satisfied with that brilliant display.

Those who enter the white house lobby can barely discern, beyond the potted plants, the red coats of the Marine band. The celebrated musicians are screened there in the foliage, ready to take part in the reception when the signal is given. As soon as the leader receives the announcement that the president is approaching, Prof. Sanderlik raises his baton, and to the crash of brass and the sound of flute and horn the president comes down the stairway. It is customary for him to bring down the wife of the vice president. Mr. Cleveland has violated the custom on several occasions by bringing down his own wife, and, fortunately, the rule on the subject is less rigid than the rule of precedence, for, whomsoever the president brings downstairs, his own wife stands at his side when he takes his place in the blue parlor.

Behind the president and his wife are the secretary of state and his wife, and then the other members of the cabinet, escorting each other's wives. The husbands lose the order of official precedence on this occasion, but their wives maintain it for them. The wife of the secretary of state must precede the wife of the secretary of the treasury, and the sister of the secretary of agriculture must bring up the rear, or there would be a revolution. Men may forget or overlook certain social amenities, but women, never. They cling to their places of precedence, sometimes with more loyalty and fidelity than they cling to their matrimonial vows.

AT THE RECEPTION.

The president first receives the ambassadors, ministers and attaches of embassies and legations of the foreign governments. Sir Julian Pauncefote, British ambassador, is the dean of the diplomatic corps, and he is the first recognized by the president, who gives him a cordial greeting. The other ambassadors and lessor diplomats follow in order of their rank and standing here, as to length of service at this capital. Sir Julian wears a brilliant military uniform. He carries a gorgeous cocked hat in his hand. Behind him come the other members of the corps attired in the gayest of uniforms or silk robes. The Chinese minister and his attaches keep their little kull caps on their heads, and save when they shake the president's hand they keep their own hands buried in their flowing sleeves of silk. The Japanese are the French of the orient. They are progressive, intelligent, ambitious and effusively polite. The Russian minister, with his giant military attache, always attracts attention. It is a gorgeous sight to witness this diplomatic corps reception. The reception begins at 11 o'clock, but long before that time the supreme court justices have arrived, for they are next in order. Chief Justice Fuller, looking pigmy-like beside the stalwart Harlan or the broad-shouldered Gray, occupies the place of honor. He presents his colleagues to the president. Justice Field in the van, and they pass down the receiving line and into the red parlor and the east parlor beyond it. A few of the diplomats have gone through the parlors, but most of them have slipped behind the receiving line to greet their friends and wish them a happy New Year.

The senate and house follow the members of the supreme court. And here the regularity of the reception is broken, for among so many it is difficult to keep any order of precedence, and senators and members become hopelessly mixed. The vice president or the president pro tempore of the senate makes the introductions of the senators, and the speaker introduces the members of the house. But there are always stragglers, and the members of the house pop up singly and in pairs at intervals all through the remainder of the reception time.

Following the legislative or congressional reception, the uniformed defenders of the nation on land and on sea march into the presence of the commander in chief of the army and navy.

The secretary of war and the secretary of the navy remain by the side of the president during this part of the reception. Secretary Lamont introduces the general commanding the army and his subordinates as they file by in the order of their rank. Secretary Herbert introduces the senior admiral of the navy and his subordinates. Then the officials of the executive departments come forward in their turn. Finally, about one o'clock, the doors are thrown open, and the general public is given admission in double file for an hour. Promptly at two o'clock the doors are closed. Then, although thousands outside are impatiently demanding admittance, the tired president and his tired wife, after having for three hours stood in one place bowing and shaking hands, retire to their living apartments for refreshment and rest.

SMITH D. FRY.

Library for the Blind.

The first free circulating library for the blind in New York city was formally opened recently in St. Agnes' church. It starts with 384 volumes. There are 21,000 blind people in Greater New York, and to meet their literary requirements there has heretofore been only a very small library in Brooklyn. A library for the blind is an expensive institution, for the books are costly.

The World's Sunday Schools.

It has been estimated that the total number of persons attending Sunday schools throughout the world cannot be less than 18,000,000, with about 2,000,000 teachers.

With a sharp stick.

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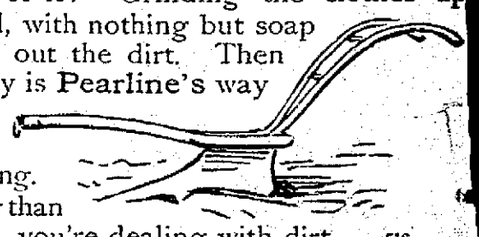
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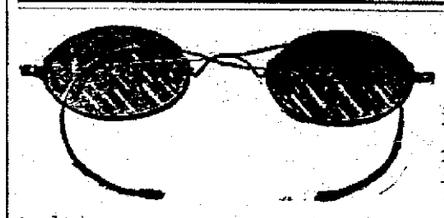
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Death of Andrew W. Swett.

New York, Jan. 2.—Andrew W. Swett, who for many years has been agent of the Adams Express company in this city and who was with Samuel Adams and assisted him in founding the Adams Express company, died in Bensonhurst, L. I., last evening from Bright's disease. Mr. Swett was born in Maine 75 years ags.

Sardinian Prince Floated.

Cape Henry, Va., Jan. 2.—The German steamer Sardinian Prince, ashore near Washwood, N. C., has been floated by wrecking tugs. The steamer proceeded on her trip apparently uninjured.

Dinner to Gen. Porter.

New York, Jan. 2.—The Lotos club will give a dinner Saturday evening, January 9, in honor of Gen. Horace Porter. Many prominent men are expected to attend.

Charged with Fraud.

Boston, Jan. 2.—Frederick Brown, about 35 years old, has been placed under arrest here by the postoffice authorities, who claim that he is responsible for the fraudulent business of the Union Drug company, of which concern they say he was the proprietor. Brown was taken before United States Commissioner Fiske and held in $1,000 until January 7.

Receiver for an Auburn Bank.

Lewiston, Me., Jan. 2.—Judge Walton has appointed L. Linn Small of Auburn receiver of the American Bank and Trust company of Auburn.

Three Friends Disaster Discredited.

New York, Jan. 2.—Cubans in this city scout the report of the drowning of the members of the Three Friends expedition.

The Queen's Speech.

London, Jan. 2.—The queen's speech opening the coming session of parliament will, it is generally believed, refer to a closer union between Great Britain and the colonies, and will indicate the views of the government in the matter.

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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

Notes of Sunday Services and Other Matters of Religious Interest.

—Old School Baptist Church—Elder Benton Jenkins, pastor. Preaching 3 p. m. Seats free.

—Bethel A. M. E. Church, Rev. J. H. Nichols, pastor—Preaching, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday School, 3 p. m.; Bible reading, 6:45 p. m.

—Second Presbyterian Church, Rev. Charles Beattie, D. D., pastor—Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Junior Endeavor, 3 p. m.; young people's meeting, 6:30 p. m.

—St. Paul's M. E. Church, Rev. Frank L. Wilson, D. D., pastor—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; class meeting, 9:45 a. m.; Junior Epworth League, 3 p. m.; Epworth League prayer meeting, 6:30 p. m. Seats free and strangers cordially invited.

—Y. M. C. A., North street—Meeting for men at 3:30 p. m. All men welcome. Good orchestra in attendance.

—Faith Mission, 11 Mill street, Elder D. L. Cushing, pastor. You will be made welcome to any or all of the services at the Mission. Sunday School, 2 p. m.; preaching 3 and 7:30 p. m.

—First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Thomas Gordon, D. D., pastor—Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m; Young People's service, 6:30 p. m. Strangers cordially invited.

Mission school and service, corner East Main street and Prospect avenue, at 3 p. m. Strangers cordially invited.

—W. C. T. U., 134 North street—Services at 3 o'clock, conducted by Mrs. Maggie McCoy, of Walton. The public is invited to attend.

—The First Universalist Church, Assembly Rooms, 61 North street, Rev. J. Newton Emery, pastor—Sunday School and pastor's Bible class, 10 a. m.; public worship 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject of sermon at morning service:—"How to Make the New Year a Happy One." Evening, service of song and devotion. All are invited.

—First Congregational Church, Rev. W. A. Robinson, D. D., pastor—Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; young people's service, 6:30 p. m. Evening subject: "Power." Cordial welcome to all.

—North Street Congregational Church, Rev. J. W. Norris, pastor—Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Junior Endeavor at 3 p. m.; Sunday School, 12 m.; Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30 p. m. Morning subject:—"The New Year Inventory." Evening subject:—"Second Nature." Seats free. Strangers welcome.

—First Baptist Church, Rev. Frank A. Heath, pastor. Morning subject:—"Spiritual Appetite, Food and Growth." Right hand of fellowship will be given to thirty new members, followed by Lord's supper. Junior at 3 p. m., evangelistic services at 6:30. Evening subject:—"Unapparelled for Heaven," followed by baptism. Our seats are all free. You are welcome.

—Free Christian Church—Sunday School, 11 a. m. Preaching in the evening by the pastor. Subject:—"What the Christian Minister Will Try to Do in 1897."

—Grace (Episcopal) Church, Rev. D. J. Evans, B. A., rector—Second Sunday after Christmas. Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.; Sermon and holy communion, 11 a. m.; evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m.

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Placentia Bay Herring Fishery.

St. Johns, N. F., Jan. 2.—Herring are abundant in Placentia bay and along the west coast. Thirty American schooners are now loading at Placentia and eleven have sailed for Gloucester with full loads. The cold weather which has prevailed for the past fortnight aids greatly in freezing the herring and cargoes are expected to be secured rapidly.

Death of ex-Congressman Cutler.

Morristown, N. J., Jan. 2.—Ex-Congressman Augustus W. Cutler died at his residence in this city yesterday of heart failure incidental to an operation for appendicitis, when it was supposed he was recovering. He was born in 1829. In 1854 he married Julia R. Walker of Albany, N. Y., who, together with three children, survive him.

A Negro Executed at Newcastle, Del.

Newcastle, Del., Jan. 2.—Edward Wright, colored, was hanged in the jail yard here yesterday. There were no unusual incidents.

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Judged by Japanese Standards She Is a Patrician Beauty.

"Considerably taller than the average woman of Japan, her majesty (the empress of Japan) presents to the gaze all those attributes which her people hold to be most expressive of patrician beauty," writes Mrs. Robert P. Porter in the Ladies' Home Journal. "Of slight figure, straight in outline, she has the delicate waist, sloping shoulders, slender neck and long, pale face to be seen only among the nobility of Japan. Her features, especially the nose, are more decided than one is accustomed to find. She has the long eyes and brows and the jet black hair, growing in that arch upon the forehead, which, suggestive of the beloved Mount Fugiyama, is considered a crowning beauty in Dai-Nippon. The empress has also the exquisite hands of the Japanese gentlewoman, and her tiny feet lose nothing in beauty by being incased in sharply-pointed European shoes. Her majesty wore," continues Mrs. Porter in describing the cherry-blossom garden party, "a rich, very soft brocade of native manufacture and the purest silk. It was of a delicate golden-brown, with figures in the same color, representing roses and chrysanthemums, and made in the prevailing European style, with large sleeves and full skirt. Her bonnet was a little French affair in delicate colors, and she carried in her hand a large parasol which harmonized with her gown."

TIME REQUIRED.

The Mild Boarder Becomes Animated and Expresses His Sentiments.

"You owe me for a month's board," said the landlady, according to the New York Journal.

"Yessum," said the mild boarder.

"You have promised to pay me a dozen times, but you never do as you say, and patience has ceased to be a virtue."

"Yessum."

"I can't afford to keep folks who refuse to pay me. My bills have to be met. I have to pay rent and for groceries and meat whether you pay me or not."

"Yessum."

"I want my money."

"Yessum."

"What do you mean by your continual 'Yessum?' Can't you say anything else? When do you expect to be square with me?"

"Madame," said the mild boarder, with the first show of animation and spunk that he had ever exhibited, "I will tell you. In view of the fact that your coffee is always cold and weak, your beefsteak tough, your chickens made with tanned leather garments, your beds creaky and without springs, your butter strong and your pastry soggy, it will take me some time to get even with you. Such treatment as I have received from you merits more punishment than I can inflict. However, I believe that if you will let me stay two months longer I can then leave during the stilly night, owing you for three months' entertainment, and we shall be almost square."

FORTY-FIVE YEARS GONE.

Large Part of His Life a Blank—Did the Colt Get Away?

About 45 years ago Clem Wallis, then a boy 15 years of age, went out to his father's pasture to catch a frisky colt, says the Portland (Me.) Advertiser. As he was about to place a halter around its neck the colt kicked him in the head, making a ragged wound. The wound healed, but it soon became apparent that the boy was slightly demented. His hallucination took peculiar forms. He would travel up and down the bay on the steamboats, claiming proprietorship and refusing to pay fare. The steamboat men humored him, as he was considered daft. He was the butt of the small boys' jokes and banter. He has lived in the village since and is now 60 years of age. About six weeks ago the local physicians determined to experiment on his case. They found that a portion of his skull had been forced into contact with the brain by the blow and by a skillful operation they removed the pressure. The man recovered his reason and the first question he asked when he recovered from the operation was: "Did the colt get away?" He is perfectly sane now, but 45 years of his life are a blank to him.

The Egyptian Afterglow.

We all know what "Egyptian darkness" is, and that in most tropical countries sudden darkness after sundown is one of the peculiarities. In Egypt at certain seasons of the year there is a marked exception to this sudden "drawing of the curtains of the skies." The sun goes down and darkness comes on very suddenly and continues for a space of 20 minutes or half an hour. Then, all of a sudden, the hills and sands take on a ghastly paleness and in another moment everything begins to brighten, and it appears that the sun is about to rise out of the west. These tints of golden, purple, orange and lilac attain their maximum degree of brightness in about ten minutes after they begin, and in 20 minutes everything has faded into darkness and you are only conscious of the fact that you have just witnessed the phenomenon known as the "Egyptian afterglow."

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Bull & Youngblood,

56 North St., Opp. Postoffice.

TELEPHONE CALL No. 55.

Household Goods, Wearing Apparel and Other Articles Too Numerous to Mention at Auction.

On Tuesday, January 5th, 1897, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at No. 20 Beattie avenue, I will sell at public auction, all the furniture, wearing apparel and other effects of the late Hiram Selleck, deceased.

The articles to be sold are good and in good order and some of them nearly new.

MARY C. SELLECK, Administratrix.
CHARLES W. FAULKNER, Auctioneer. 30,2,3

Do you want a Delicious Breakfast Beverage? Drink a Cup of Taylor's Pure, Delicious COCOA. Made from the choicest of cocoa beans.

Are Your Feet Cold?

If so, try the Wishawaka All Wool Knit Boots. Felt Boots for little boys at little prices. Warm shoes for old ladies. High Cut Arctics at low cut prices.

Follow the footprints to

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A Handsome Complexion is one of the greatest charms a woman can possess. POZZONI'S COMPLEXION POWDER gives it.

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The Widely Known and Popular Milling and Distillery Plant

OF MR. THOS. MARSH, located at Phillipsburgh, upon the Wallkill River, 2½ miles from Middletown, conducted by Mr. Marsh since 1858. This is the best general feed and flouring mill in Orange county. Mill building 2½ story, frame 32x81, 4 run of stones, 80 to 100 horse power, with good separate machinery for grinding wheat, rye and buckwheat, all in excellent order, driven by 3 turbine water wheels with 6 feet head of water, and is one of the best water powers in Orange county, dam built upon rock bottom. The distilling plant is in good order, well equipped, steam power, spring water by pipe, capacity 20,000 bushels apples per season. The mill property contaens 8½ acres very choice land, good dwelling, barn and sheds. Also a perpetual right of way to and through Midway Park to about 7 acres of valuable woodland used as a private park, occupied in part by Smith & Backman, George Carter and others. Also all the water rights and privileges. This valuable property is offered at a reasonable price, upon reasonable terms, or an exchange in part may be entertained.

A. V. BOAK,

35 North Street, Middletown

THE People of the State of New York—To all persons interested in the estate of William T. Wallace, assigned to William B. Royce, for the benefit of creditors, send greeting:

You and each of you are hereby cited and required personally to be and appear at a Special Term of the County Court, for the county of Orange, State of New York, to be holden at the Court House, in the village of Goshen, Orange county, New York, on the twenty-sixth day of January, 1897, at ten o'clock a. m., then and there to show cause why a final settlement of the accounts of William B. Royce, assignee of above named William T. Wallace, insolvent debtor, should not be had, and if no cause be shown, then to attend the final settlement of the Assignee's account.

In testimony, whereof, I have hereunto caused the seal of the said County Court of the county of Orange, State of New York, to be hereunto affixed. Witness Hon. John J. Beattie, County Judge of said county, this 2d day of November, 1896.

[L. S.]

JOHN J. BEATTIE, County Judge of Orange county.

WILLIAM F. O'NEILL, Attorney for Assignee.
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25 Valencia Oranges 25c.

SWEET JAMAICA ORANGES 20 AND 25 CENTS A DOZEN.

Fine Bananas, Grapes, Mixed Nuts 2 pounds for 25 cents, Paper Shell Almonds, extra fine Table Raisins, extra fine Creamery Butter, all for New Year's at

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For Bilious and Nervous disorders, such as Wind and Pain in the Stomach, Sick Headache, Giddiness, Fullness and Swelling after meals, Dizziness and Drowsiness, Cold Chills, Flushings of Heat, Loss of Appetite, Shortness of Breath, Costiveness, Blotches on the Skin, Disturbed Sleep, Frightful Dreams, and all Nervous and Trembling Sensations, &c., when these symptoms are caused by constipation, as most of them are, THE FIRST DOSE WILL GIVE RELIEF IN TWENTY MINUTES. This is no fiction. Every sufferer is earnestly invited to try one Box of these Pills and they will be acknowledged to be

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GEORGE H. THOMPSON, J. F. ROBINSON, A. E. NICKINSON, } EDITOR. CITY EDITORS.

SATURDAY, JAN. 2, 1897.

Personal damage suits against rai oad s have occupied a large share of the time of Orange county courts in recent years, but the record is likely to be broken at the first term of the Supreme Court to be held at Goshen, next week. Eighty-four of the cases on the calendar, considerably more than half, are suits against railroads, and if even a small proportion of these cases are tried they will block the way so that there will be no time, even if the term continues for two weeks, for the trial of other actions. Under a recent decision, which makes collectible judgments against the old N. Y., L. E. and W. Company and its receivers, scores of old suits have been revived, the cause of action in one case dating back over twelve years. The Erie is not, however, the only railroad menaced by personal damage suits for, with the exception of the Susquehanna and Western, every railroad company, steam and electric, in the county comes in for its full share of litigation. We have no wish to prejudge or prejudice any of these suits. They may all rest on a solid basis of law and justice, but judge and juries would be more than human if the great volume of railroad litigation did not lead them to look upon it with suspicion and to think there must be something out of joint somewhere, when railroad interests are thus singled out for attack.

FIREMEN ENTERTAIN FRIENDS.

Waalkill Engine Company and the Friends of the Members Enjoy a Turkey Supper and Entertainment.

Waalkill Engine Co. gave a turkey supper and entertainment at the engine house, last evening, at which were present most of the members of the company and a number of invited guests. The spread, which was prepared by Stewart Gregory, was one of the finest ever laid in a fire house in the city.

After supper there was a pleasing entertainment. Fred McWilliams gave a sleight of hand performance, Paul Parps performed feats in juggling, August Pfaff gave the Kiraliy dance, Stewart Gregory a skirt dance and bone solo and Mr. Gregory and Arthur Duell each sang solos.

The members of the company were presented with souvenirs of the Middletown Fire Department by A. L. Decker.

A Well Earned Promotion.

James P. Barrett, son of our respected townsman, Patrick Barrett, was, this morning, notified by the superintendent, A. W. Hindle, of the Newburgh district, that he has been promoted to be an assistant superintendent of the Watertown, N. Y., district of the Prudential Insurance Co. Mr. Barrett has been a faithful agent of the Prudential in this city for a number of years and his promotion followed as a reward for his faithfulness and ability.

The many friends of Mr. Barrett will regret his being obliged to leave town, but wish him all the success possible in his new position.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Umpqua Tribe of Red Men and Middletown Lodge of Odd Fellows.

Umpqua tribe of the Imporved Order of Red Men, held the annual election Thursday night, which resulted as follows:

Prophet—Geo A Wagner.
Sachem—W. Hook
Sr. Sagamore—Charles Tuex.
Jr. Sagamore—W. O. Wollenhaupt.
Chief of Records—Geo L. LeFever.
Asst. C. of R.—J. I. Doty
Keeper of Wampum—W. O. VanSciver.
Trustee—G. Stratton.

MIDDLETOWN LODGE, I. O. O. F.

Middletown Lodge, I. O. O. F., elected the following officers, Monday night

N. G.—Charles H Brown.
V. G.—Fred R. Parsells.
Rec. Sec.—E. B. Quick.
Treas.—Thos. A. March.
Trustee—Ira S. Clauson.

The newly elected officers will be installed Thursday evening Jan 7th., when the Noble Grand will announce his appointments.

Foreclosure Sale.

The house and lot on Church street, the property of Louisa, wife of Wm. E. Bradley was sold under foreclosure proceedings at the Russell House, this afternoon, to A. V. Sinsabaugh for $1,215. J. C. R. Taylor was the referee and W. B. Royce, plaintiff's attorney.

Goshen Water Bonds Bring a Good Premium.

From Our Goshen Correspondent.

The ten $1,000 water bonds sold at the Corporation Rooms at 11.45 this morning, by the village Treasurer, were purchased by the Goshen Savings Bank at 110.

Entertained at Whist.

Miss Maggie Burke entertained a party of friends at whist at her home on Union street, last evening.

Pass the good word along the line that piles are quickly cured without an operation by simply applying DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. W. D. Ouey.

All druggists guarantee Dr. Miles' Pain Pills to stop Headache within 20 minutes.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

AN OMAHA SAVINGS BANK SUSPENDS

BY UNITED PRESS.

OMAHA, Jan. 2.—The Omaha Savings Bank, the oldest savings bank here and principal one of the two savings banks left in the city, has suspended.

Ex-Senator Manderson is president of the suspended savings bank. Recent withdrawals have reduced the deposits to $900,000. The face value of the assets is $1,100,000. The fourteen stockholders are men of means and say all depositors will be paid in full.

THE JURY DISAGREED.

BY UNITED PRESS.

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—The jury in the case of Bram, the mate of the Barkentine, Herbert Fuller who was charged with the murder at sea of Capt. Nash, disagreed.

SHROUDED IN BLACK FOG.

BY UNITED PRESS.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—A heavy black fog prevails and business is practically suspended. A large number of street accidents, mostly collisions of vehicles and pedestrians, have occurred.

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS.

Judge Goodrich Made Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division.

BY UNITED PRESS.

ALBANY, Jan. 2.—Gov. Black has appointed Justice Goodrich presiding justice of the Appelate Division of the Supreme Court for the second department and has designated Justice Dykeman, who has been retired under the seventy years constitutional age limit, to continue the judicial duties permitted by law.

NEW YEAR'S DAY AT THE Y. M. C. A.

Many Callers Pleasantly Entertained by Young Ladies From the City Churches

Yesterday was the most social and enjoyable New Year's ever spent in the Y. M. C. A. rooms. In honor of the day the rooms had been very tastefully trimmed with evergreens. The large picture of George Washington hanging between the parlors was draped with the stars and stripes; underneath it stood a beautiful New Year's tree upon which each young man visiting the room tied a handsome card bearing his name and when the reception ended there were over 100 cards upon the tree. It is estimated that about 200 ladies and gentlemen visited the rooms. Nearly every church in the city was represented by a delegation of young ladies, who had the refreshment tables in charge and paid every attention to their callers. The evening was spent with music and singing and all left fully satisfied that the day had been pleasantly and profitably spent.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Mary Eliza Dusenberry.

Mrs. Mary Eliza Dusenberry, widow of the late Theodore Dusenberry, died very suddenly at 12:30 o'clock, Thursday afternoon, at her residence, No. 7 Hoffman street.

Mrs. Dusenberry was attending to her household duties, when she suddenly threw her hands to her head, complaining of pain, and asked her daughter, Mrs. Fred Miles, to rub her head. She expired almost instantly.

Deceased was 56 years of age, and was born in Pleasantville, Westchester county. She was married when very young to Theodore A. Louden, and removed to this city, where she has since resided. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Louden, Wilbur T. and Minnie L., wife of Fred Miles, of this city.

After Mr. Louden's death, some years ago, deceased was married to the late Theodore Dusenberry, by whom she had two children, Minnie E., wife of Charles Green, and Fred A., both of this city.

Deceased was a consistent member of the First Baptist Church of this city for the past twenty years. She was a devoted mother, and beloved by all who knew her.

The funeral will be held from her late residence to-morrow, Sunday afternoon, at 2.30 o'clock. Interment in Hillside Cemetery.

Hattie Pease Ghee.

Hattie Pease Ghee, the three-weeks-old daughter of the late Mrs. Clarence E. Ghee, died yesterday at the home of her father on Watkins avenue. The sympathy of many friends is extended to Mr. Ghee in his double bereavement.

Funeral of Mrs. Dugan.

The funeral of Mrs. Frances Dugan took place at St. Joseph's Church at 11 o'clock, this morning, and was attended by a large number of friends.

A solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Father O Hanlon, assisted by Rev. Father Salley, of Port Jervis and Rev. Father McClancy.

The following were the pall bearers: John Mullen, Daniel Driscoll, P. H. McShane, Wm. Burke, Charles Killeen, Chas. McAloon, Thos. Neville, Miles McGrail.

The interment was in the family plot in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Funeral of Mrs. Collins.

The funeral of Mrs. John Collins took place at St. Joseph's Church at 10 o'clock, this morning. A requiem mass being celebrated by Rev. Father McClancy.

The following were the pall bearers: John Tierney, Patrick Hogan, James Moran, Cornelius O'Keefe, M. Farrell, Cornelius Crowley.

The interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

THRALL HOSPITAL'S "MYSTERIOUS PATIENT."

Death of Daniel W. Buck—How His Family Learned of His Illness—A Life Full of Incident—Had Travelled in Many Lands.

Daniel W. Buck died at Thrall Hospital early yesterday morning, aged 45 years.

Mr. Buck, who was known at the hospital as "the mysterious patient," came here six weeks ago, suffering from Bright's disease. He refused to give any clue to his identity, beyond stating that his name was D. W. Buck, and that he came to the hospital hoping to find a quiet place where he might regain his health. He at once impressed all who saw him as a most intelligent man, who had been an extensive traveller, and was not lacking in financial resources.

The peculiar conduct of the patient in seeking to conceal his identity naturally excited curiosity, and in view of his critical condition every effort was made to learn the whereabouts of his relatives. The local representative of the New York *Herald* in this city telegraphed the facts of Mr. Buck's presence at the hospital to his paper, and when the story appeared it caught the eye of Prof. H. H. Todd, Assistant Superintendent of the House of Refuge on Randall's Island, and the description of the strange patient corresponded so closely with Mrs. Todd's missing brother, Daniel W. Buck, that Mr. and Mrs. Todd came at once to this city, where brother and sister met for the first time in years.

Mrs. Todd remained in town until Saturday last, when she returned home, believing her brother would soon be able to leave the hospital. The weak condition of the patient's heart, however, caused an unfavorable change, and despite medical skill he passed peacefully away, yesterday morning, as stated above. He faced death bravely, sustained and cheered by the belief that all sins were forgiven and washed away in the blood of Christ.

Mr. Buck was a native of Brooklyn. He was for eighteen years connected with the U. S. Navy, serving on the Pensecola and Alaska. He was never married, and being possessed of considerable means, spent much time in travel. One brother, Eugene Buck, residing at Denver, Col., and Mrs. Todd, are the only remaining members of the family. The former was at one time engaged with the deceased in the banking business at Providence, R. I.

The funeral services were held at Grace Church, this afternoon, at 4 o'clock. The interment was in Hillside. The deceased being a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, pall-bearers were selected from Hoffman Lodge.

The pall bearers were: S. G. Beyea, C. R. Smith, J. H. Sudderly, W. H. Knapp, Ira L. Case and J. E. Adams.

The Largest Church in Orange County

From the Newburgh News.

Referring to the number who attended the oratorio at the Goshen Presbyterian Church on Monday night, the MIDDLETOWN ARGUS says there were fully fifteen hundred present.

The capacity of the Goshen Church is much larger than generally supposed. Like the famous ark, it looks small, but holds a lot. There is no church in Newburgh that could seat fifteen hundred people. Our big Academy of Music has seats for less than twelve hundred. If this church can accommodate fifteen hundred then it must be about the largest in the county.

5 Sores

In combination, proportion and process Hood's Sarsaparilla is peculiar to itself, and unequalled in true merit.

No other medicine ever possessed so much curative power, or reached such enormous sales, or made such wonderful cures, as Hood's Sarsaparilla.

It is undoubtedly the best medicine ever made to purify, vitalize and enrich the blood.

That is the secret of its success.

Read this statement:

"When my son was 7 years of age, he had rheumatic fever and acute rheumatism, which settled in his left hip. He was so sick that no one thought there was any help for him. Five sores broke out on his thigh, which the doctor said were

Scrofula

sores. We had three different doctors. Pieces of bone came out of the sores. The last doctor said the leg would have to be cut open and the bone scraped, before he could get well. Howard became so low that he would eat nothing, and one doctor said there was no chance for him.

"One day, a newspaper recommending Hood's Sarsaparilla was left at our door. We decided to try this medicine. Howard commenced taking it the last of February, after having been sick for a year and a

Cured

half. He hadn't taken it a week before I saw that his appetite began to improve, and then he gained rapidly. I gave him five bottles, when the sores were all healed and they never broke out again. The crutches he had used for four years were laid aside, as he had no further use for them. I give all the credit to Hood's Sarsaparilla." MRS. ADA L. MOODY, Fay Street, Lynn, Mass.

This and many similar cures prove that

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Is the One True Blood Purifier. All druggists. $1. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co. Lowell, Mass.

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This Season's Cloaks.

Your Choice of Our Stock, With a Few Exceptions, at $3.89 Each.

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Special values in Blankets, Comfortables, Flannel Underwear
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Happy New Year to All.

The Great Rush is Over!

But we begin to-day to make a special reduction in prices on READY MADE CLOTHING. Ulsters, Overcoats, Reefers, Suits and extra Pantaloons, also Underwear, Hosiery, Cardigan Jackets and Sweaters, Gloves, Mittens, Silk Hats and Caps, all grades. MERCHANT TAILORING DEPARTMENT—In order to keep our men busy we will make an Overcoat, Suit or extra Trousers at a big reduction from regular price. Now is your time to get a bargain.

Remember we carry a big stock of Trunks and Satchels, Mackintosh Coats, Rubber Coats and Umbrellas. Now is your chance.

JOHN E. ADAMS,

Leading Hatter and Clothier, No. 41 North Street.

ALL OUR FANCY

HOLIDAY GOODS!

Are Offered Not Merely at Cost, But at Much Less Than Cost to Close.

We Open To-day Five Cases of Goods, Bought at Our Own Price. We Sell Them Accordingly.

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FOR CHRISTMAS.

Saratoga Chips, Christmas Candies, Olives, Plum Puddings, Cape Cod Cranberries, Malaga and Catawba Grapes, Oranges, Bananas, Nuts, Candies, Fancy Table Raisins, Citron, Orange and Lemon Peel, Leggett's Old Fashioned Pie Crust

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Entire stock marked down to half and less to move it quickly before inventory.

Too much stock on hand necessitates quick REDUCTIONS before inventory clearance.

Call and be convinced.

SAMUEL LIPFELD,

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To-Day and Christmas Week!

we call attention to a few lines of goods that are seasonable, and which we propose to make a drive on, that is bound to attract your attention

Handkerchiefs.

200 different styles to select from. Name your price, we have them.

Pocketbooks.

The largest assortment to be found this side of New York city. These at special prices for the week.

Umbrellas.

One of the most useful of presents. We have them to suit everyone; styles and prices to suit all pocketbooks.

Coats and Capes.

Here is the place to buy. Until Christmas we will sell all Coats and Capes at a discount of 20 per cent. from the regular price. Remember these are all new, fresh garments of this season's manufacture.

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Indicate cleanliness of habit. Will insure you clean teeth if you use my superior tooth powder. Is not injurious but effectual. Can speak from a personal experience of about 30 years. Secured the formula from a well-known dentist. Customers are very much pleased with the powder. Free sample.

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We have a big supply of those bargain Cassimere and Cheviot Pants, all sizes for men, warranted not to rip, only $1; the price you pay for cotton pants elsewhere. The cloth will cost as much as we sell the pants at. Our advantages in buying account for us underselling all others.

Morris B. Wolf,

Blue Front Store,

10 North Street.

C. E. CRAWFORD FURNITURE CO.

25 Ladies' and Misses' Desks Left Over.

We bought 100 Oak and Birch Ladies' and Misses' Desks for the Holidays. We have 25 left and we will close them out at the rediculously price of

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☞Don't all speak at once.

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McMonagle & Rogers' Orange Flower Balm 25 cents.

30 North street and 155 North street (North Side Pharmacy).

LANA OIL COMPLEXION SOAP, made from pure stock, delightfully perfumed, a generous sized cake; it is a remarkable value at 25c a box—our price.

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25 PER CENT. DISCOUNT

on all Holiday Novelties displayed in our windows from this date to Jan. 1st, 1897.

Don't miss seeing them. There may be something there that you could use three hundred and sixty-five days in the year.

A grand opportunity to buy New Year's Gifts at your own price.

7 West Main Street, Middletown.

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DAILY ARGUS.

SATURDAY, JAN. 2, 1897

OPEN EVENINGS.

THE BUSINESS OFFICE OF THE "ARGUS" IS OPEN EVENINGS FROM SEVEN UNTIL EIGHT O'CLOCK.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY UNITED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Fair, but cloudy to-night; Sunday generally cloudy, probably showers Sunday afternoon or night; warmer; easterly to southerly winds.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Pronk's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., **33°**; 12 m., **38°**; 3 p. m., **46°**.

AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION.

—Jan 8—"Town Talk," at Casino
—Jan. 14—Printer's ball (masquerade), at Assembly Rooms.
—Jan. 15 29—Bachelor Club hops.
—Feb 1-6—McQuoid Engine Co.'s fair, at Assembly Rooms.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—Cure for chapped hands at W. D. Olney's.
—Dairy butter 18 cents at J. W Sloat's.
—Worth recording. Hanford & Horton's adv.
—"Town Talk," at Casino, Jan 8th
—Shaving utensils at F. M Pronk's.
—Report Orange County Trust and Safe Deposit Co
—Free sample tooth powder at J. E. Mills'.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Mrs. J. B. Wheat won the doll drawn for at Van Sickle's new shoe store, Thursday.

—Dutchess county's Supervisors did not finish the work of the annual session until Wednesday.

—Revival services will be held every evening at 7:30 o'clock at the First Baptist Church during the week of prayer.

—W. W. Taylor, salesman for Dickson & Eddy, sales agents for O. and W. coal, is distributing very handsome calendars among business houses in town.

—The barns of Robert Morrison and other farmers in the Little Britain neighborhood, were robbed of robes and blankets, a few nights ago.

—Dedrick & Lougvear, of Kingston, one of the largest firms of contractors along the Hudson River, made an assignment, Thursday.

—Owing to a case of scarlet fever in St. Luke's Hospital, Newburgh, the managers of the hospital have ordered that no more patients be received until all danger of contagion is over.

—Jesse C. Hansee, a pension agent formerly of Ellenville, boasts that in twenty-seven prosecutions by the government he has been cleared in all but one. That case he has appealed and is confident of winning.

PERSONAL.

—John McLean and sister, Susie, of Paterson, are visiting in town.

—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence G. Fay, of New York, are visiting friends in town.

—Al. Corwin, of New York, spent New Year's day with his parents.

—Rev. William Wallace, of Bridgewater, Conn., spent New Year's with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Wallace.

—Mrs. Van Allen, of Binghamton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. B. Quick, on Hanford street.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McCarty and son, George and Mrs. McCarty's sister, Mrs. Worden, will go to Norwich, this evening, to visit relatives and friends.

—Mrs. E. B. Quick and her sister, Mrs. Van Allen, of Binghamton, will go to Liberty, this evening, to visit their mother, Mrs. Nutting.

—Miss Hattie Ridgeway, of Boston, who has been spending the holidays with her parents, Mr and Mrs. Allen Ridgeway, returned home, to-day.

—W. Allen, formerly conductor on the O and W. work train, left, on Erie train 3, Thursday evening, for San Francisco, where he expects to make his home for a few years at least.

—Mr. and Mrs. Stephen A. Smith and son, Stanley, and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson W. Wood and their sons, N. Wells Wood, Jr., and Robert G. Wood, were entertained yesterday at dinner by Mr. Wood's father, Col. S. H. Wood, at the Madison House.

—The Hurleyville correspondent of the *Ensign*, says that Mrs Seeley and daughter, Annie, who have been in Middletown, for the past three weeks, returned home Saturday, and that Samuel Chambers and wife, of Middletown, are visiting at Orin Simpson's.

—Dr. Edwin Fancher, who went to Hot Springs, Ark., with Henry C. Corwin, about six weeks ago, returned home, Thursday night, and has resumed his practice. Mr. Corwin's friends will regret to learn that when Dr. Fancher left him his condition was not improved. Mr. Corwin will remain at the Hot Springs until warm weather.

BACHELORS' NEW YEAR'S HOP.

The Largest of the Season—A Most Enjoyable Affair.

The attendance at the New Year's hop of the Bachelors' Social Club, which was held at the Assembly Rooms, last night, was the largest of the season, and the most enjoyable from a social point of view. The music was particularly good. The selection, during the intermission, from the opera "Rob Roy" was excellently rendered.

Among those present from out of town were John Davidge and D. Calligan, of New York; Frank Dolson, of Port Jervis; R. Conine, of Binghamton, Wm. Jessup, of Goshen, Talcott Vanamee, of Newburgh; Miss Gussie Wickham, of New Hampton; Miss Marie Ireland, of Crystal Run and Miss Norris, of Concord, N. H., the guest of Miss Edith C. Royce.

A BABY ABANDONED.

A Four Months-Old Child Left in a Hallway on West Main Street—A New Year's Present to the Poormaster—The Mother Quickly Found—Death of the Child.

Middletown had an experience, Thursday night, which is common enough in older cities, but which is entirely new here—the discovery of a babe left in a hallway by its heartless mother, or some one else equally as heartless.

The babe was found about 8 o'clock in the evening, on the landing at the head of the stairs in I. B. A. Taylor's building, corner of West Main and Mill streets. Mrs. A. L. Thorn, who lives on one side of the hall on the second floor, heard a child cough, and went to the door, expecting to see a child seeking admittance. Instead she saw a bundle lying on the floor, which she soon discovered contained a babe.

She called to her neighbor, Mrs. Julia A. Miller, who occupies the rooms on the opposite side of the hall, and the bundle was carried into Mrs. Miller's rooms and unwrapped, and a male child, apparently about four months old, was found pulling away vigorously at a bottle of milk with which it had been provided.

The child appeared to be somewhat stupid, and a dark substance on its lips aroused a suspicion that it had been given paregoric or laudanum to make it sleep until the person who left it in the hall was safely out of the way.

The babe had evidently been sadly neglected. It was in a filthy condition, and there were sores on its neck that were doubtless due to lack of proper care.

Neither Mrs. Thorn nor Mrs. Miller cared for such a New Year's present, and Superintendent of the Poor, W. H. Wood, was notified of the find and took the child away, placing it in the care of Mrs. H. A. Knapp.

Capt. Gould, when the case was reported, began an investigation and yesterday received information that about four months ago a child had been born to Mrs. Flora Johnson Edmonds, of 63 Montgomery street, whose husband deserted her four years ago, and an effort had been made to keep the fact of its birth a secret.

The captain found that the birth of the child had not been recorded and going to the physician, who was said to have been in attendance, he obtained information that the child had been born Aug. 24th.

Capt. Gould then went to Mrs. Edmonds' residence and asked her concerning the child. She at first denied that the child had been born, but finally admitted its birth, and when asked where it was said she had given it away to a woman whom she did not know. Pressed still further she admitted abandoning it in the hall of the Taylor building.

She said that she could not give the the child proper care and attention for she had to work for her sister, Mrs. Geo. Bogardus, with whom she lives and help support her mother and invalid brother. She started, Thurday night, to take the child to Goshen, intending to give it to the poormaster there. She boarded the milk train but had hardly seated herself in the coach when she was told that that train did not carry passengers. She got off and, feeling utterly hopeless and desperate, turned up the track and when she came to West Main street, made her way into the first hallway that she came to.

The child died, this morning. Dr. Nelson certified that death was due to natural causes and no inquest will be held.

It was found, Thursday night, that laudanum in considerable quantity was mixed with the milk in the child's bottle, but the mother says that from the time of the child's birth they had been in the habit of mixing laudanum with the milk in order to keep it quiet and prevent the neighbors hearing its cries, and lately they had mixed a spoonful of laudanum with each bottle of milk.

Mrs. Edmonds was sent for by Recorder Bradner, this morning, and was questioned as to the case. She was not under arrest and at the conclusion of the questioning was allowed to go. The Recorder thinks the case is one in which mercy might with advantage be shown, for there are many mitigating circumstances. The punishment for child abandonment is very severe and unless a formal complaint is made no proceedings will be instituted.

Mrs. Edmonds told the Recorder, this morning, that the father of the child lives near Bloomingburgh.

LATER—Mrs. Edmonds was held, this afternoon, on her own recognizance for the grand jury.

ONTARIO HOSE CO.'S DANCE.

Firemen Dance as the Old Year Departs and Greet the New With Mirth and Music.

Ontario Hose Co. gave a ball at the Assembly Rooms, New Year's Eve. It was well attended and all present had a good time. The old year died amid the sound of revelry and the new year was given a merry greeting.

McWilliams' orchestra furnished the music and dancing was kept up until a late hour.

During the intermission for refreshments, Robert Gurry, of Norwalk, Conn., gave a pleasing imitation of the cornet.

Jewelers to Close at 6 O'clock.

The jewelers of this city have entered into an agreement to close their stores at 6 o'clock every evening, except Mondays and Saturdays, from Jan. 5th to March 30th.

A Whist Party.

Mrs. Mary Andrus and Mrs. Susie Tator entertained a number of their friends at whist at their residence on Highland avenue, last evening.

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DEAD MAN IDENTIFIED.

Louis Hroneck of Cincinnati, the Victim of the Accident at the Summit—The Body Shipped to His Home—The Coroner's Inquest.

The inquest in the case of the man killed at the Summit, Tuesday evening, was held Thursday evening and resulted in the identification of the body.

The first witness was Frank C. Hall, the middle brakeman of the train that ran the man down. He was walking along the side of the train after it backed into the switch, looking for hot wheels and discovered the man under the fifth car from the engine. The man gave his name of Louis Hroneck and said his parents kept a large tin store at No. 1,400 Main street, Cincinnati, Ohio, and asked witness to write to them.

Conductor Barnum said he saw the deceased walking on the track after he gave the signal to back into the switch, but went into the tower and was there told of the accident. He found the man under the thirty-first car from the caboose and the fifth car from the engine. His coat collar was under a wheel. He cut the collar off and with the assistance of the trainmen, tied up the man's legs to stop the flow of blood and placed the man on the front of the engine and brought him to the depot. Before starting, the man had given him his name and address, and said he had been knocked down by the caboose. He spoke to the man on the way to the depot but he was then unconscious. He was still breathing when he left him at the depot.

Flagman C. S. Scott testified to finding the man's hat on the rear platform of the caboose. He knew then that the train had struck a man. He also heard the man give his name.

Dr. Nelson testified that he had been called to see the man but he was dead when he examined him. He said death was due to shock and hemmorrhage.

The jury rendered a verdict of accidental death and exonerated the company and trainmen from liability or blame.

Coroner Decker at once telegraphed to the young man's parents and received the following reply, Friday morning:

NEWPORT, KY.

A. L. Decker, Coroner.—Adams Express remains Louis Hroneck in plain box, letting all charges follow. Advise when shipped. H. C. THOMPSON,
Agt. Adams Express Co.

The body was shipped on train 1, yesterday.

DID NOT PAY ALIMONY.

To Escape Arrest J. C. Fisher Is Now Residing in New Jersey.

Judge Dickey at a special term of court held at Newburgh, Saturday, ordered a warrant to be issued for the arrest J. C. Fisher, of this city, for nonpayment of alimony and counsel fees, which the court awarded to his wife, Clara M., when the latter began an action for divorce last spring.

The warrant was not served, however, as Mr. Fisher is at present in New Jersey, and it is understood proposes to remain there.

Large Surprise Party.

Mr and Mrs. Geo. W. Earle, of near Midway Park, were pleasantly surprised on New Year's Eve, by about eighty of their friends. They were accompanied by Barnes' orchestra and all the requisites for a bountiful supper. Dancing was kept up until a late hour Friday morning, when the party returned on a special trolley car, all agreeing that they had had the very best of good times.

Forged a Check and Gambled With the Money.

A young man, who has once suffered the penalty for forgery and ought to know better, is said to have forged the name of the proprietor of a cafe to a check for $9, yesterday. He negotiated the same and with the proceeds commenced gambling and at last accounts was ahead of the game. He settled the matter this afternoon and no arrest will probably be made unless there are other checks out.

Short in His Accounts.

Ex-Alderman E. P. Corwin, of Newburgh, Controller Roberts' financial clerk at Sing Sing prison, concerning whom rumors have been current for some time, has been found to be short $3,000 in his accounts. Mr. Corwin is very critically ill at his home in Newburgh and a careful examination of his accounts disclosed the shortage.

Bank Dividends.

—The National Bank of Orange County, at Goshen, has declared a semi-annual dvidend of five per cent., free of taxes, payable on and after Jan. 2d.

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INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN.

A New Year's Rhyme—Installations—Court Week—Confirmation at St. James'—Removal—Reception at the Presbyterian Parsonage—Cataracts' New Year's Dance—Other Notes.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—The double-barrelled effusion which follows was handed to us, yesterday, by a person who for reasons involving his personal safety and peace of mind does not care to be identified with it. It is apropos to the season, but its author, in our opinion, will leave no large foot-prints on the sands of time:

In the deepest dearth of midnight,
With a slow and solemn chime,
The town clock did announce the fact
That it was "doing time."
The wind waltzed through the star-freckled night,
And the fearless trees it shook,
When quietly outward the old year sneaked,
And inward the new year snook.

—L. B. Hunt, of Sing Sing, is spending a few days in town.

—The recently elected officers of Orange Lodge will be installed, Tuesday night.

—Goshen Lodge, F. and A. M., will install its officers, Monday night.

—The January term of the Supreme Court will be opened at Goshen, Monday Judge Hirschberg will hold his first term as presiding officer.

—Bishop Potter will hold confirmation services at St. James' Church, Sunday morning.

—The price of ten-trip tickets between Goshen and New York was raised one dollar, yesterday.

—Mrs. Theodore K. Cox has removed her millinery establishment from the Sayer building to the Seeley block, on Church street.

—Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Clark received the friends and members of the Presbyterian Church, last evening. A large number of guests were present and the occasion most enjoyable.

—Harry P. Van Steenbergh and Fred. W. Walsh, of New York city, spent New Year's Day with friends in Goshen.

—The dance at Music Hall, New Year's Eve, was the most largely attended and altogether successful one that the Cataracts have given in a long time. Over sixty couples were present from all about the county. Refreshments were served

—Miss Kate Beakes entertained a party of about thirty-five friends at the Court House, last night.

Real Estate Sales.

—Charles W. Coleman, referee, sold, Friday, the John J. O'Connell farm of ninety acres, near Pellet's Island bridge. It was bid in by Mrs. Annie O'Connell for $2,800.

—S. Giveans the cattle dealer, who, a few weeks ago purchased the Nathan J. Mills farm of 191 acres, near Circleville, has sold the same to Wm. Gibbs, a very successful Wawayanda farmer. Possession will be given April 1st.

—Charles W. Coleman, referee, sold at foreclosure, Friday, in Goshen, the Mrs Schoonmaker farm of fifty acres, in the town of Goshen, to Charles T. Dunning for $1,505. The farm is part of what is known as the Benson Gurner place and is situated on the ridge road to Florida.

A. A. Weller, of Port Jervis, has sold his valuable property consisting of house and lot and a vacant lot on Hanford street, corner of Harding, to T. B. Dayton, of this city. The sale was made by Case & Taylor, insurance and real estate agents.

—The farm of George S. Pennie, two and one half miles from Walden on the Searsville road, containing 133 acres, was sold at mortgage foreclosure, Wednesday, for $4,800 to the mortgagee's representative, Elias Mulford, of Wallkill. The farm is a desirable one, the building being nearly new and there being a fine orchard on the place.

HYMENEAL.

Cuddeback—Jackson.

Elting Cuddeback, an attendant in the State Hospital in this city, was married, Wednesday evening, to Miss Mary Jackson, of Cuddebackville, his former home.

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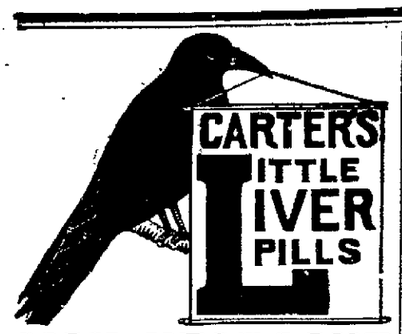

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CHARACTER AND HYPNOTISM.

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There would be little indeed in hypnotism and the scientific world might rightly ignore its importance as a subject of investigation if it were proved to have nothing more in it than the dominance of one will over another or the power of so-called "suggestion" to control human minds, says Harper's Bazar.

But, as with any other subject worth investigating, much more is revealed to the student of hypnotism than that which he at first sets out to discover. No sooner, for instance, has he established beyond question proofs of the power of mind over mind and of "suggestion" in control, than he is forced to recognize how little potency lies in either when compared to that great power of resistance to them which is generated by an individual's own strength of character.

No hypnotism in the world, as a great authority has shown, can make a really temperate person, when under hypnotic control, simulate or yield to drunkenness; nor can a truly modest person be induced to do that which would, in waking hours, savor of immodesty. The man with true dignity of soul keeps his dignity intact, and one of real kindness of nature shows no glimmer of harsh feeling.

And thus, as can readily be seen, one more proof from an unexpected source has been added to those already in our possession going to show the value and power of character, of that which a man inherently and intrinsically is, rather than that which he appears to be. It makes out, too, even a harder case against Adam, who need never have yielded to Eve but for a weakness in himself.

RUINED AS A HEALTH RESORT.

Bacilli of Tuberculosis Has Impregnated the Soil of Mentone.

Mentone, France, is situated on the shore of the Mediterranean, 15 miles northeast of Nice. The climate, says the Journal of Medicine and Science, is very equable and very mild. The mean is about 61 degrees Fahrenheit. The vegetation is almost tropical; lemon trees, olive trees and pines, rising above each other in successive stages, adorn the surrounding slopes. The town, which has a population of about 6,000, rises like an amphitheater on a promontory by which its semicircular bay is divided. Of late years Mentone, on account of its mild and even climate, has become the Mecca of invalids, and especially of consumptives. Forty years ago the inhabitants of Mentone and the neighborhood were a healthy, happy race of splendid physique, to whom consumption was absolutely unknown.

When Mentone became noted as a retreat for those sick with consumption the peasants left their farms and their healthy manner of living to wait on the wealthy invalids. Thousands of consumptives died there, impregnating the soil and the water with the germs of their disease. As a result the earth, air and water of Mentone are infested with bacilli of tuberculosis, and the once robust and healthy peasants have become consumptives almost to a man and woman. No more complete or startling proof of the truth of the germ theory of the disease could well be imagined.

ROYALTY OUT HUNTING.

Tame Partridges Killed by the Prince of Wales—Game for William II.

The prince of Wales is a great hunter of partridges, the hand raised birds that have to be clubbed up and stoned to make them fly from men. The way the prince bangs over the soft birds is a caution, says the New York Sun. He has several guns and a couple of men in a blind with him to load the weapons. Shooting in this fashion the prince kills several hundred birds before noon. Recently he and a party of friends succeeded in bagging in a single morning 2,000 of the partridges, and in the afternoon they got 1,000 more.

Like the prince, the German emperor does nothing in a half way. William II. has better opportunities than the prince of Wales. Instead of shooting a thousand or so of little birds the emperor goes on a grand hunt after big game, and shoots birds between the rushes of the deer and like beasts. The emperor has the game laid out in lines between which he may walk and inspect the carcasses, and the lines are numerous. Three hundred or so of roe deer, dozens of wild boars and stags, and hundreds of birds make a respectable bag.

Where the Milk Goes.

Trained nurses and their field of work were being discussed by a prominent lab of San Fransisco a few days ago, and one of the ladies, in demonstrating the care of infants, held up a chamois model of a baby's stomach about as large as a good-sized oyster, and exclaimed for her climax: "Now, what becomes of all the quarts of milk that are poured into that little stomach?" There was a startled silence, broken by a young woman in a rear seat, who murmured, lugubriously: "Well, most of it goes into your lap."

Very Modest.

A story that possibly is more ingenious than new has just gained circulation in Europe. It is to the effect that at the battle of Plevna Gen. Skobeloff's life was saved by a young Pole. The Russian commander, as recompense, offered the man his choice between 100 rubles and the Cross of St. George. The Pole deliberated awhile and then asked what the decoration was worth. When informed that its intrinsic value was about five rubles, he said: "I'll take the cross and 95 rubles."

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SUPREME CERT, Orange county—William H. Clark, as executor of the last will and testament of John G. Wilkin, deceased, plaintiff, against James Bodine and Jane Bodine, his wife; Charles Bodine and Julia Bodine, his wife; Phoebe Bolton, Mary Henry, Isabel Wade, Sarah Bodine, Agnes Maud Jones, Elizabeth Bodine, William Bodine, Almeda Bodine, Mary Bodine, Bertha Bodine, Ethel Bodine, John Bodine, Addie Bodine, S. M. Richards, Frank P. Richards and Eva Richards, his wife; Louisa Capps, William Maybee and Lillie Maybee, his wife; James Maybee and Emma D. Maybee, his wife; Kittie Winans, Mary Hall, Alice Moneroe, Hettie McCornal, Maggie Simpson, Gabriel Maher, Mary H. Maher Thomas F. Maher and Theresa Maher, his wife; Milton Bodine and Ida Bodine, his wife; Mrs. A. V. Hemstrought; Margaret Newkirk Henry, Theron D. Holly, individually and executor named in the last will and testament of Margaret Newkirk Holly, deceased; Annie White, Hezekiah Bodine, David James Newkirk and Catherine Newkirk, his wife, defendants.

To the above named defendants:—You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer on the plaintiff's attorneys within twenty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service; and in the case of your failure to appear or answer judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. Trial to be held in the County of Orange.

Dated this 2nd day of November, 1896.

VANAMEE, WATTS & VAIL, Plaintiff's Attorneys, office and post office address, 1 East Main street Middletown, N. Y.

To Sarah Bodine, Agnes Maud Jones, S. M. Richards, Frank P. Richards and Eva Richards, his wife, Louisa Capps, Charles H. Richards and Estella Richards, his wife; Maggie Simpson, Annie White, Hezekiah Bodine, David James Newkirk and Katharine Newkirk, his wife:

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of Hon. William D. Dickey, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated December 5th, 1896, and filed with the complaint in the office of the Clerk of the county of Orange, at Goshen, Orange county, New York

VANAMEE, WATTS & VAIL, Attorneys for plaintiff, office and post office address, No. 1 East Main street, Middletown, Orange county, New York Dec10,11d,6wk

IN pursuance of an order of the Surrogate of the County of Orange notice is hereby given according to law to all persons having claims against the estate of William H. Woodruff, late of the town of Crawford, in said county, deceased, that they are required to present the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, the administratrix and administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of said deceased, at the residence of the administratrix, Antionette A. Woodruff, in the town of Crawford, aforesaid, the principal transacting business of said estate on or before the 19th day of June, 1897.

Dated December 10th, 1896.

ANTOINETTE A. WOODRUFF, administratrix, RICHARD A. WOODRUFF, administrator,

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A particle is applied directly into the nostrils and is agreeable. Price 50 cents at Druggists or by mail.

ELY BROTHERS, 56 Warren street, New York

IN Pursuance of an order of the Surrogate in the county of Orange, notice is hereby given according to law, to all persons having claims against the estate of Evaline Decker, late of the town of Minisink, in said county, deceased, that they are required to present the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, the executor of the last will and testament of said deceased, at her place of residence, in the town of Greenville, on or before the 20th day of March next.

Dated September 8th, 1896.

MINNIE CLARK, Executrix.

C. W. COLEMAN, Attorney for Executrix, Goshen, N. Y. wTuGmMch15

INTEREST ACCOUNTS.

Orange Co. Trust and Safe Deposit Co.

PAYS

INTEREST FROM DATE ON TIME DEPOSITS.

Deposits made on or before Jan. 10th, 1897 draw interest from Jan. 1st.

Interest will be written in pass books after Jan. 10th.

Lock Boxes of steel in vault for rent on reasonable terms.

G. SPENCER COWLEY, Secretary. 25d&swto,Jan10

FOX HOUNDS.

A Description of a Hunt That Makes One's Blood Tingle.

We became aware, from the shouts of the darkies, as they urged the dogs into the thickets, that these animals had names of famous flavor, though their appelations had not been bestowed by one who possessed a fine sense of the historical or chronological unities, says Lippincott's. "Hi, yo' Clovis!" "Come hyar, Uncas!" "Git on, Brutus, git on! What yo' sulkin' 'bout?" These ejaculations were accompanied by sundry kicks, delivered upon the representatives of these and other renowned characters. To such uses do men's names come after death.

After the disappearance of the hounds in the thicket we rode slowly along the devious ways of the pine lands, listening intently for that peculiar canine cry which announces the discovery of a trail. It was not long delayed, for gray foxes are almost as numerous in eastern Virginia as rabbits are in the western states. Suddenly, amidst the chorus of sharp, short yelps, we heard a long-drawn, wailing cry which at night would be interpreted as a cry of the banshee, but which, ringing out on the air of a bright November morning, loses its ominous significance for every one except the trail has been "struck." As the cry rose and swelled and was taken up by 30 other mouths, our slow-filing cavalcade became enthused with the life and animation of a cavalry company that has just received orders to charge. Reins were tightened, knees were pressed closer to the saddles, hats were pulled down over eyes and men leaned forward over their horses' necks like jockeys waiting for the fall of the starter's flag.

WHERE TELEGRAPHY FAILED.

It Might Do for Small Bundles and Letters.

There was a man who lived in London many years ago who had once been elected member of parliament, and never neglected an opportunity to emphasize the fact, says an exchange. He was quite an infidel as to new discoveries and the new sciences, being perfectly satisfied that if the world should turn over all the water would spill out of his well, and only giving in to steam locomotives by slow degrees.

But all the vials of his contempt were poured out upon the idea of a telegraph, and he was wont to say that nobody need try to come "the green" over him in that way, for he had been an M. P. Finally a high road was built, and one day workmen began to put up telegraph poles right in front of his house and to stretch the wire. His exulting neighbors promptly asked:

"Well, old fellow, what do you think of telegraphs now?"

He was cornered, but he died game. Drawing himself up an inch taller, he said:

"Gentlemen, when I was in parliament I gave this subject my very attentive consideration, and I said then, as I say now, that it may do for letters and small bundles, but it will never take a cotton bale—never!"

THE WELSH PRINCIPALITY.

Why Old-Time Superstitions, Customs and Flavor Are Preserved.

It is related that an English lord once said to his guests: "I have a mansion in Wales which I have never seen but which I am told is very fine. Every day dinner for 12 is set there and the carriage [illegible] at the door in case I should arrive." This may illustrate, says a Scotch writer in Lippincott's, the relation of Wales to the average Englishman, for although almost all of the Welsh towns are merely a ten-hours' ride from London, there is, perhaps, no other country in the world lying so close to the center of civilization of which so little is known to the outside world.

Book stores may load their shelves with volumes on all subjects, but few books will be found among them on this quaint, quiet and perhaps most picturesque of all countries. The fact is, Wales is not much visited, is lightly spoken of and little read about—not having produced a Walter Scott—and perhaps these circumstances have done much to preserve the place in its typical state and enabled the people to cling to old-time superstitions, customs and language and to present to a visitor a unique and refreshing flavor wholly its own.

Curious Cuban Caves.

There is a series of small and large caverns in the marble rocks of the Cuban mountains which are being gradually filled up, and that too in a most remarkable manner. The common land snails, of which there are many species and varieties in Cuba, make these caves a resort during the dry season. They congregate on the floors of the caverns in immense numbers and millions of them never leave. The reason is this: The water which drops from the roofs or ceilings of the different caverns contains a large per cent. of carbonate of lime. When the water evaporates the lime is left behind, and, acting as a cement, it glues great layers of the snail shells together every year. This process going on season after season is gradually filling up the Cuban caves, and it is only a question of time when there will not be a single cavern left on the island.

An Eagle's Fast.

It is recorded that an eagle kept in confinement has been known to fast for three weeks, those who have had charge of it having forgotten to provide the usual supply of food. It soon, however, recovered its strength, and did not appear to suffer from its extraordinary abstinence.

A Relic of the Age of Ice.

One of the largest glacial bowlders lying above ground in the state of Pennsylvania is on the farm of Enos Stump, near Quakertown, in Bucks county. This monster relic of the great "ice age" is 56 feet long, 46 feet wide and 14 feet thick.

Signals!

Symptoms are signals. Some dyspeptic signals are — short breath, palpitating heart, rapid pulse, cold hands and feet, dizzy, swimming head, spots before the eyes, and nervous forebodings.

Dr. Deane's Dyspepsia Pills — one *immediately* after each meal — cause these signals to disappear.

Dr. Deane's Dyspepsia Pills for sale at druggists', 25 and 50 cents White wrapper if constipated yellow if bowels are loose

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by the package. Good Pork 6 cents per pound, fine new Mackerel 10 cents per pound, Herring 10 cents per box, 3 boxes 25 cents; Cranberries 7 cents per quart, Oranges 20 to 25 cents per dozen, Lemons 10 and 25 cents, Figs 15 cents per pound, Dates 10 cents, Raisins 8 and 10 cents, Prunes 8, 10 and 12 cts., Fresh Celery, Cucumbers, Cabbage and Carrots. Good assortment of Nuts, Candies, Dried and Canned Fruits, 5 and 10 cent cans Baked Beans, 10 cents a can best Salmon and Peaches, good Corn 6 cents a can.

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NO. 80 WEST MAIN STREET

FOR SALE.

The fine farm known as the Sinclair place near Bloomingburgh, in Orange county, on the Newburgh turnpike. The farm contains about 225 acres, 70 acres of which are planted with 11,000 peach trees just coming in full bearing, and nearly $2,000 netted from the crop last year. The farm is in good state of cultivation and will keep fifty cows. Good outbuildings and house contains thirteen rooms. A complete stock of farm implements in good condition will be sold with the farm. This farm has fine water, is well situated, fine view on the Shawangunk Mountains and location an exceptionally healthy one. Will be sold at a bargain.

GARDNER & McWILLIAMS, NO. 25

TIME TABLES.

MIDDLETOWN TIME TABLES.

Erie Railway.

Trains leave from Middletown Stations, beginning Nov. 1, 1896, and continuing until further notice, as follows:

Trains marked with * run daily. Trains Nos. 601, 625, 606, 617 and 620 run Sundays only. All other trains daily except Sunday. †Train No. 5 will stop only for passengers for Binghamton or west thereof—due notification must be given at the ticket office. Trains with the following letters affixed indicate connection, viz.: "G" with Newburg Branch via Greycourt; "T" with Newburg Short-cut Branch via Turners; "M" with Montgomery Branch, and "P" with Pine Island Branch. (F) Train No. 1 stops on signal for passengers west of Binghamton.

GOING EAST.

Nos		James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
* 12	Chicago Ex. T	4.20 a.m.	
* 10	New York Special	6.01 "	
26	Middletown Way	6.30 "	....6.32 a.m
16	Orange Co. Ex. G.M.	7.10 "	.. .7.12 "
28	Mountain Ex. T	8.22 "	... 8.25 "
38	Del. Val. Ex. (M.P.&J.)	10 48 "	
* 6	W. Mail, (G. exc't pt Su)	12.58 p.m.	....1.00 p.m
30	Way, T. M. P. G	4.11 "	...4.19
* 2	C. & G. T. Ex	5.07 "	
* 8	C. & St. L. Limited	6.12 "	
22	P. J. Local T	7.27 "	
* 14	Wells Fargo Express	10 40 "	
*606	P. J. Local (Sun only) M. P. and G. T	8.23 a.m.	
620	P. J. Local (Su only)	5.19 p.m.	
18	Milk (Sunday only)	7.00 p.m.	

GOING WEST

Nos		James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
* 17	Milk	7.00 a.m.	
* 21	Port Jervis Way	10.26 "	....10.32 a.m
1	Day Express	†10.56 "	
9	Del. Val. Express	11.25 "	
11	Port Jervis Local	1.04 p.m.	.... 1.01 p.m
33	Port Jervis Exp	3.40 "	.... 3.37 "
†* 5	C. & St. L. Exp	4.07 "	
27	Mountain Exp	5.42 "	.... 5.38 "
15	Orange Co. Exp	6.50 "	.... 6.45 "
25	Middletown Way ar	8.05 "	.... 8.03 "
* 7	C. & G. T. Exp	9.34 "	
29	Way	9.13 "	
* 3	Chicago Exp	11.12 "	
601	Sunday Local	10 38 a.m.	
625	P. J. Way (Sun only)	3.08 p.m.	
617	" " "	10 29 "	

Passenger trains for Middletown leave foot of Chamber street, New York, at *4.00, 7.45, 9.15, 10.20 a. m.; 1.00, 3.30, 4.30, 5.30, 6.30, *7.30, *8.45 p. m. Also additional Sunday trains at 7.45, 9 00 a. m. 12.30 and 7.30 p. m.

Crawford Branch.

GOING NORTH.

No	Leave for	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
*101	Pine Bush Mail	11 30 a.m.	....11.35 a.m
*135	" "	.....	.... 6.55 p.m
Sundays only		11.05 a.m.	....11.10 a.m

COMING SOUTH

*128	Arrive from Pine Bush	8.16 a.m
*130	" " "	5.50 p.m

N. Y., S. & W. R. R.

In effect Sept. 21, 1896.

P.M	P.M.	P.M.	STATIONS.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M
12.12	5.10	5.43	(ar) Middletown (lv)	6 50	7.12	4.46
12.06	4 57	7.34	....Slate Hill	6 42	7.27	4 57
11.58	4 38	7.29	....Johnson....	6 48	7.25	5.06
11.49	4.25	7 25	....Westtown	6 58	7 43	5.09
11.44	4.15	7.15	...Unionville...	6 59	7.55	5.16
11.38	3.52	7.05	...Deckertown	7. 4	8 20	5.33
11.20	3 36	6 55	...Hamburg	7 22	8.46	5.42
11.12	3 26	6 47	.... Franklin	7 29	8.56	5.49
11.07	3.16	6.42	... Ogdensburgh....	7 34	9 06	5 51
9.59	....	5 04	... Paterson.....	9 03	10.36	7.30
9.30	....	4.10	.....New York	9.53	11.23	8.23
A.M	P M	P M			A.M	P.M	P.M

Collector's Notice.

State and County Tax.

The warrant for the collection of the State and County Tax for the city of Middletown, N. Y., for the year 1896 having been delivered to me by the Board of Supervisors, I will attend on each working day of the week (Saturday afternoons and holidays excepted), from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the Corporation Rooms, Center street, in said city, for 30 days, beginning Monday, Dec. 21st, 1896 and ending Monday, Jan. 25th, 1897, inclusive, for the purpose of receiving payment of said taxes. No fee will be charged during said 30 days.

E. M. HAMILTON, Collector.

Dated Middletown, N. Y., Dec. 18, 1896.

Dec 18,19,21,22,23,24,26 28,29,30,31 Jan 4,5,6,7,8,9,11,12, 20,21,22,23

Piso's Cure For Consumption

For the last 20 years we have kept Piso's Cure for Consumption in stock, and would sooner think a groceryman could get along without sugar in his store than we could without Piso's Cure. It is a sure seller.—RAVEN & CO., Druggists, Ceresco, Michigan, September 2, 1896.

NO USE TRYING

to put an edge on a hatchet that's all backed to pieces. Get a new one. We'll sell you one—axe, hammer, hoe or hand handle securely joined together—at such a small price that you'll wonder why you don't get it before. Special inducements in

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Millspaugh Hardware Co.,

WEST MAIN AND CANAL STS., MIDDLETOWN.

Hon. W. J. Bryan's Book

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An account of his campaign tour . . .

His biography, written by his wife . .

His most important speeches . . . .

The results of the campaign of 1896.

A review of the political situation . .

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W. B. CONKEY COMPANY, Publishers,

341-351 Dearborn St....CHICAGO.

Starving children

There are children without food. They cry for it, and are not answered. The pity of it! But often nature cries out in other ways that her children need nourishment. Is your child thin; actually poor in flesh? Does it get no benefit from its food? Then give something which produces flesh and makes rich blood.

Scott's Emulsion

of Cod-liver Oil, with Hypophosphites does more than this. It changes the unhealthy action to one of health, thus removing the cause. It acts on the nervous system, which controls all the processes of the body, toning it up into sound and vigorous activity. It is food for growing bone and brain. It makes the thin plump; the pale, ruddy; the weak, strong; it feeds and cures.

SCOTT'S EMULSION has been indorsed by the medical profession for twenty years. (*Ask your doctor.*) This is because it is always *palatable*—always *uniform*—always *contains the purest Norwegian Cod-liver Oil and Hypophosphites.*

Put up in 50 cent and $1.00 sizes. The small size may be enough to cure your cough or help your baby. All druggists.

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His Excuse Insufficient.

The witty remarks of Judge Craik Biddle, if gathered together, would make a good-sized volume. Here is a good one gotten off by him recently while sitting in the quarter session court. A German juryman asked to be excused from serving on the jury.

"Why?" asked the judge.

"Well, your honor, I don't understand good English."

"Oh, you will do," replied the judge. "You won't hear much good English here, anyhow."—Philadelphia Record.

Diplomacy.

His Father—If you marry old Stubbs' daughter you shan't have a cent of my money.

The Son—But, father, if I don't marry her I can't get a cent of old Stubbs' money.

His Father (with a grudge to satisfy)—My own boy! Marry her and render that old skinflint penniless. — Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

An Anomaly.

"Bilkins is the strangest man I ever knew."

"How so?"

"Why, he never drinks, or smokes, or swears."

"That's nothing. I know lots of men like that."

"That's all right; so do I; but Bilkins doesn't steal, either."—Chicago Tribune.

The Irony of Fate.

"When I think of the violent prejudice that turkey always entertains toward anything red," remarked the guinea hen, "I can't help laughing."

"I don't see why," remarked the peafowl.

"I just saw the cook going into the house with a bucketful of cranberries."—Washington Star.

Ingratitude.

First Tramp—I ran across a rich uncle of mine lately, but after all I done fer him he wouldn't gimme a cent.

Second Tramp—What did you do for him?

First Tramp—Fer ten years I've been travelin' under an assumed name jest to spare his feelin's.—Brooklyn Life.

Not Deceived.

First Detective—The more I think of it, the more firmly I am convinced that the man I arrested last night did not give his right name.

Second Deteceive—What name did he give?

First Detective—John Doe.—Brooklyn Life.

What Caused Her Woe.

"I am inexpressibly sorry, Mr. Smithers," she said, "to learn that when you called the other day Tiger bit you."

"Oh, that's all right," he said, with a forced effort to be cheerful.

"No, it isn't," she sobbed; "the poor little fellow has been ill ever since."—Chicago Times-Herald.

From Timbuctoo.

Diner (at the restaurant) — I had some of your homemade pie yesterday.

Waiter—Yes, sir.

"Well, give me a piece of imported pie; the farther the place it was imported from the better!" — Boston Transcript.

Happy Padger.

Accidentally overheard:

"Pa, are you only a' imitation man?"

"No, child. Why?"

"'Cause I heard Sister tell Mr. Padger in th' hall las' night 'at he wuz th' only real man in th' whole world."—Chicago Record.

Reckless Slaughter.

Though little game the huntsman got,
With pride his heart was filled
At thinking of the noble lot
Of time that he had killed
—Chicago Journal.

THAT WAS ONE OF THEM

Mr. Bickers—Look here, Mary Ann, Mrs. Bickers says you don't clean up the floors properly.

Mary Ann—O, Mrs. Bickers is always making sweeping accusations against me.—Up-to-Date.

At the Musicale.

"She's quite a finished singer,
What do you think of her?"
"Finished?—I'd longer linger
If I but knew she were."
—Up-to-Date.

Rival Charmers.

Brobson—Guzzle seems convinced that the hair of the dog will always cure the bite.

Craik—Yes; the only question with him is whether he likes hair or bite best.—Town Topics.

Several More Coming.

Mrs. Hampack (of Chicago)—What is Elizabeth's last name?

Mrs. Livewayte—Oh, she hasn't come to her last name yet. She expects to be married half a dozen times before she dies.—N. Y. World.

He Had Wheels.

"My head has been bothering me for some time. I guess I had better go see a doctor."

"A doctor for your head? Why not see a machinist?"—N. Y. Journal.

Woman's Amiability.

Bess—If I were in your shoes—

Madge—Don't talk of impossibilities.—Chicago Tribune.

The Franklin Mills Fine Flour of the Entire Wheat is better than "Graham."

TRY IT!

Always ask for "Franklin Mills." All leading Grocers sell it.

LOCATIONS OF FIRE ALARM BOXES.

For the information of our readers we publish below a complete list of the numbers and locations of all the fire alarm boxes in this city:

14—Wickham Ave., cor Prince O. & W. R. R.
15—North street and Low avenue, bar shops.
16—North St. and Wisner Ave., type shop.
17—Railroad avenue and Montgomery street.
18—Grand avenue and Prince street.
23—Wickham avenue, corner Liberty street.
24—West Main street and Wallkill avenue.
25—North street, corner Wickham avenue.
26—James and Henry streets.
27—North and John streets, Erie crossing.
28—Lake avenue and West street.
29—W. Main street, corner Monhagen avenue.
213—State Hospital Gate.
214—Prospect street and Highland avenue.
215—Rear of State Hospital.
34—Fulton and Mill streets, hat shop.
35—High and Hanford streets.
36—Canal street, condenseery.
37—Mulberry and Fulton streets.
38—Fairview avenue and South street.
41—Fulton street and East avenue.
42—Academy avenue and Houston avenue.
43—East Main street and Railroad avenue.
45—East Main street, foot of Orchard street.
46—Academy avenue and Genung street.
47—Myrtle and Prospect avenue.
48—Grant street and Sprague avenues.
49—East Main street and Prospect avenue.
54—North street, near Orchard.
57—Franklin Square.

21—Runs before a box number, denotes that a test is being made.
1 stroke denotes circuit broken.
2-2-2 strokes of bell denotes Chief's call.
3 strokes of bell denotes 12 o'clock time.
4 strokes of bell denotes recall. Fire is out.

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For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. is on every wrapper.

The Fact That Doctors

frequently advise change of air and climate to those suffering from catarrh, is proof that catarrh is a local and climatic disease. Therefore, unless you can leave home and business, you should use Ely's Cream Balm. Applied directly to the seat of the disease, it effects instant relief and a satisfactory cure after short continuance. No mercury nor injurious drug is contained in the Balm.

Soothing, and not irritating, strengthening, and not weakening, small, but effective—such are the qualities of DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. W. D. Olney

It Makes Cold Feet Warm.

Before you put on overshoes or rubbers, shake into your under shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It prevents that stinging corn sensation and absorbs the perspiration from your feet. Allen's Foot-Ease makes cold feet warm, and makes tight shoes feel easy. After your feet sweat they usually feel cold at this season. Ask your druggist or shoe dealer, to-day, for a 25c. box of Allen's Foot-Ease. Sample sent FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

The old lady was right when she said the child might die if they waited for the doctor. She saved the little one's life with a few doses of One Minute Cough Cure. She had used it for croup before. W. D. Olney

Would Not Do Without Dr. Hand's Colic Cure.

MEMPHIS, N. Y., Nov. 11, '95.—The Hand Medicine Co.—"Our baby, now nearly four months old, has been troubled ever since birth by Wind Colic. At first we tried the usual remedies, but until we tried Dr. Hand's Colic Cure found nothing that would give relief. Now we would not think of being without your Colic Cure and Dr. Hand's Remedies for Children, 25 cents. At all druggists.

A Great Medicine Given Away.

J. J. Chambers, 57 North street, is now giving free to all a trial package of the great herbal remedy, Bacon's Celery King. Ladies suffering from nervous disorders and constipation will use this remedy they will soon be free from the headaches and backaches that have caused them so much suffering. It is a perfect regulator. It quickly cures biliousness, indigestion, eruptions of the skin and all blood diseases. Large sizes 25 and 50 cents.

A Famous German Doctor's Work.

Consumption is now known to be curable if taken in time—the German remedy known as Otto's Cure, having been found to be an almost certain cure for the disease. Asthma, Bronchitis, Croup, Coughs, Colds, Pneumonia and all throat and lung diseases are quickly cured by Dr. Otto's Great German Remedy. Sample bottles of Otto's Cure are being given away by our agent, J. J. Chambers, 57 North street. Large sizes 25 and 50 cents.

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Rheumatism Cured in 24 Hours.

T. J. Blackmore, of Haller & Blackmore, Pittsburgh, Pa., says: "A short time since I procured a bottle of 'MYSTIC CURE.' It got me out of the house in twenty-four hours. I took to my bed with Rheumatism nine months ago and the 'MYSTIC CURE' is the only medicine that did me any good. I had five of the best physicians in the city, but I received very little relief from them. I know the 'MYSTIC CURE' to be what it is represented and take pleasure in recommending it to other poor sufferers. Sold by J. E. Mills, No. 2 Empire Block, North street, Druggist, Middletown.

NEW YORK ONTARIO AND WESTERN RAILWAY.

Time Table in Effect Dec. 20th, 1896.

NORTH BOUND.

STATIONS.	Miles	11 *	1 On'c Day Exp			7 Sull-liv'n Co. Exp	3 * Chic ago Limt	
N. Y. Leave		A M	A M			P M	P M	
Franklin St	3	2	7 40			3 00	4 15	
W. 42d St.,	3	3	7 55			3 15	4 30	
Weehawken	4	0	8 10			3 30	4 45	
Cornwall	6	10	9 45			5 00	6 01	
W Cornwall	7	22	9 53			5 08		
Orr's Mills	8	25	9 55			f 10		
Little Brit'n	9	40	10 05			15		
Burnside	6	50	10 16			15	34	
Campb'll H	7	05	10 22			5 40	6 30	
Stony Ford	7	15	10 27			15	44	
M'town								
Main St.	7	38	11 43			5 53		
M'town ar	7	40	10 45			6 00	6 46	
M'town lv	8	15	*11 55			*6 10	*6 56	
Winterton	9	10	f11 09			6 25		
Bloom'g'd'g	9	21	11 15			6 30		
Wurtsboro	9	26	11 19			6 34		
Summitville	9	38	11 30			6 45		
Ellenville	10	05	11 50			7 05		
Fallsburgh	10	32	12 05			7 20		
Hurleyville	10	53	12 12			7 22		
Liberty Falls	11	15	f12			7 39		
Liberty	11	30	12 29			7 41	8 07	
Parksville	11	45	12 41			7 55		
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Rockland	12	15	1 08			8 21		13
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SOUTH BOUND.

STATIONS.	6 * New Y'rk Exp	12 *	14 Ithaca Local	20	2 Day Exp	
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Hurleyville		3 41	6 41		2 51	
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Burnside		6 37	8 22		4 42	
Little Brit'n		6 42	8 27		4 47	
Orr's Mills		6 46	8 31		4 51	
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Cornwall	8 52	6 58	8 43		5 03	
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* Runs daily, all other trains daily except Sunday.

f Signifies that trains will stop on signal for passengers.

n Signifies that trains will stop for or to leave New York passengers only.

* Stop for meals.

Trains leave Hancock Junction 3 05 p. m., for Scranton, Carbondale and intermediate stations.

Trains leave Scranton 10 55 a. m., for Hancock Junction.

Trains leave Summitville for Ellenville 9 40 and 11 30, a. m., 3 50 and 6 45 p. m.

Trains leave Ellenville for Summitville 7 00 and 10 50 a. m., 3 05 and 5 05 p. m.

Trains leave Delhi for Walton 7 20 and 11 00 a. m., *4 05 p. m.

Trains leave Walton for Delhi 7 00 a. m., *2 45 and 9 50 p. m. Sunday only 9 45 a. m.

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NORTH.

	Daily a m	Daily ex Sun p m	Sun p m
New York	8 30	.....	4 10
Jersey City	8 46	.....	4 25
Hackensack	9 14	.....	4 50
Paterson (Broadway)	9 26	.....	5 02
Paterson	9 29	.....	5 04
Two Bridges	10 56	3 00	6 42
Ogdensburg	11 07	3 16	6 52
Franklin	11 12	3 26	6 57
Hamburg	11 20	3 36	7 05
Deckertown	11 28	3 52	7 03
Quarryville	11 36	4 04	7 10
Unionville	11 44	4 15	7 18
Westtown	11 49	4 25	7 24
Johnson	11 55	4 38	7 29
Slate Hill	12 00	4 57	7 34
Middletown	12 12	5 10	7 46

SOUTH.

	Daily a m	ex Sun a m	Sun p m	Daily p m
Middletown	6 30	7 12	4 45	
Slate Hill	6 42	7 27	4 57	
Johnson	6 48	7 35	5 03	
Westtown	6 53	7 43	5 09	
Unionville	6 59	7 55	5 16	
Quarryville	7 06	8 07	5 25	
Deckertown	7 14	8 30	5 39	
Hamburg	7 22	8 46	5 42	
Franklin Junction	7 27	8 53	...	
Franklin	7 29	8 56	5 49	
Ogdensburg	7 34	9 06	5 54	
Two Bridges	7 51	9 32	6 10	
Paterson	9 03	.....	7 30	
Paterson (Broadway)	9 05	10 36	7 33	
Hackensack	9 16	10 47	7 46	
Jersey City	9 38	11 12	8 13	
New York	9 46	11 23	8 23	

f Stop on signal.

LADIES DO YOU KNOW DR. FELIX LE BRUN'S Steel & Pennyroyal Pills are the original and only FRENCH, safe and reliable cure on the market. Price, $1.00; sent by mail. Genuine sold only by

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TIME TABLE ADOPTED NOV. 1, 1896.

S. Spec'l 617	S. Spec'l 625	S. Spec'l 601	9	7	29	25	15	27	5	38	11	1	9	21	17	Eastern Time.	12	10	26	16	28	38	6	30	2	8	22	14	S. Spec'l 606	S. Spec'l 620	Sun 18
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*Daily. ‡Sundays only. †Except Sunday. b. Stops for passengers to Binghamton and beyond.

Middletown & Crawford Branch—Leave Main St., Middletown, for Pine Bush at 11.40 a. m. daily, except Sun.; 6:55 p. m. daily; 11:10 Sunday only.

Montgomery Branch—Leave Goshen for Montgomery at 7:27 a. m., 11.20 a. m., 5:28 p. m. daily except Sunday, 10:52 a. m. Sunday only.

Pine Island Branch—Leave Goshen for Pine Island at 11:20 a. m., 6:45 p. m., daily except Sunday. Sunday only 10:52 a. m., 6:10 p. m.

Newburgh, via Turners—Leave Turners for Newburgh at 7:35 a. m., 10:53 a. m., daily, except Sunday; 9:00 p. m., daily; 10:30 a. m., Sunday only. Train 30 connects for Newburgh via Arden, instead of Turners.

Newburgh, via Greycourt—Leave Greycourt at 7:45 a. m., 11:10 a. m., 1:23 and 6:25 p. m. daily, except Sunday; 10:45 a. m. and 5:52 p. m., Sun. only.

Trains Nos. 6, 11, 15, 16, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 33 and Sunday Specials 601, 617, 625 stop at Main street, Middletown.

IN Pursuance of an order of Hon. John J. Beattie, County Judge of Orange county, N. Y., on the 19th day of November, 1896, notice is hereby given to all creditors and persons having claims against James E. Brazee, lately doing business in the city of Middletown, N. Y., that they are required to present the same, with the proper vouchers therefor, duly verified, to the subscriber, who has been duly appointed assignee of the said James E. Brazee for the benefit of creditors, at his office, Empire Block, in the city of Middletown, N. Y., on or before the sixth day of February, 1897.

A. VANNEST POWELSON, Assignee, Middletown, N. Y.

GEO. H. DECKER, Attorney for Assignee, Middletown, N. Y. cm-23 Dec

Coughing stopped in 20 minutes by Dr. Miles' Pain Pills. "Once cent a dose."

GEORGE LEA'S MASQUERADE.

The Most Successful Affair of the Kind Ever Given in Middletown—The Casino Crowded With Dancers and Spectators—The Prize Winners.

George Lea's masquerade ball at the Casino, New Year's night, was the largest and most successful affair of the kind ever given in this city. There were enough maskers in costume to fill the dancing floor while the balcony and gallery were crowded with spectators, all the seats being occupied as was also every inch of standing room in the balcony. Among those present were many from Port Jervis.

Most of the costumes were comic or grotesque and some of them were very funny indeed. There were, however, some in the preparation of which much care and taste had been expended and not a few of the hired costumes were costly, elaborate and pretty.

The following were named as judges to award the many prizes offered by the generous organizer and manager of the affair: Charles Tepe, W. Lounsberry, J. G. Parker, W. F. Bailey, M. Wolf, L. Stern, W. D. Brown, J. H. Messenger, A. L. Decker, C. C. Bogart, C. Wolf, G. H. Thompson.

It was not an easy matter for the judges to agree upon the awards, and there were wide differences of opinion among them as to who were entitled to the several prizes; but at last they reached an agreement. Faith in their judgment and discrimination was somewhat shaken, however, when it was discovered, after unmasking, that the winner of the prize for the best lady waltzer was not a woman, but a man, who in the garb of a trim waitress had borne himself so gracefully and danced so well as to deceive even the elect.

The prizes were awarded as follows:

Best lady waltzer, bottle of perfume, Ed Condon; waitress' costume.

Homeliest girl, inlaid pearl album, Grace Louden; costume, blue and white polonaise of very antique pattern, black skirt, poke bonnet.

Homliest man, box of cigars, Bert Wine, Port Jervis; costume, tramp.

Oldest unmarried woman, handsome tea gown, Bertie Owen; costume, black dress, plaid shawl.

Most grotesque gents' costume, pair of slippers, Jesse Barnes, Port Jervis; costume, a beer barrel.

Prettiest girl, dress pattern, Flora Marsh, Newburgh; costume, "old glory."

Lady's funniest costume, handsome haf, Gertie Benkes; costume, the Yellow Kid.

Handsomest gents' costume, pair of shoes, Bert Lamont; costume, Spanish cavalier.

Lady's prettiest costume, parlor lamp, Sophia Bean; peasant costume.

Best gentleman waltzer, pair nickel plated skates, Will Kempke; baker's costume.

Thinnest man, immense cake, P. L. Eilenberger; costume of Populist farmer.

The youngest widow, white enameled rocking chair, Nellie Steinberg; costume, night,—black with gold stars.

Person selling most tickets, $5 gold piece, John F. Dusenberry.

Oldest widow, Clara Washington, Binghamton, costume, black lace over yellow.

Fattest man, William Madden; costume of Dutchman.

After the awarding of the prizes all unmasked and there were many surprises for many had succeeded in concealing their identity even from their closest friends.

After the intermission those not in costume were allowed on the dancing floor, which was crowded to its fullest capacity. The fun waxed fast and furious and was kept up without a break until about 4 o'clock this morning.

There was no disorder or disturbances of any kind and everything passed off pleasantly. The ball was well managed in every respect and its success is another feather in Mr. Lea's cap as a successful manager of everything he undertakes.

A NEW FRATERNAL ORDER.

Orange Court of the Order of Foresters Organized in This City.

A new court of the independent order of Foresters was organized in Dusenberry's Hall, Monday evening. The name chosen was Orange Court. The order has over one hundred thousand members, is twenty-two years old and guarantees only twelve assessments each year. The order to-day has $2,000,000 in its reserve fund. The charter is still open and any information desired by any one will be given by Frank W. Elliott, 23 Wesley avenue, who was elected court deputy or C. F. Pine, who was the organizer, care of the Y. M. C. A.

Service of Song and Devotion.

The order of the Universalist Church service, to-morrow evening, at the Assembly Rooms, will be as follows:

Voluntary
Sentences, Invocation, Doxology
Anthem—"Be Joyful, O Earth" Mary
Psalm, etc., read responsively by minister and people
Anthem—"Seek Ye the Lord" Roberts
First Scripture Lesson
Duet (tenor and soprano)—"Eventide
Second Scripture Lesson
Hymn 65—"Sweet Hour of Prayer"
Prayer.
Contralto solo—"The Holy City" Adams
Short addresses by the pastor
Anthem—"Twenty-third Psalm" H. R. Palmer
Offertory
Hymn 168—"How Gentle God's Commands"
Benediction

A Birthday Party.

Invitations are out for a birthday party to be held at Mrs. Z. Johnson's Jan. 6th, near Scotchtown. Harvey A. Brown will furnish the music.

New Year's Gift to Trolley Employes.

Motormen and conductors on the electric road enjoyed two boxes of cigars, yesterday, the gift of Henry Yerg, of the the County Clerk's office at Goshen

MAKING NEW YEAR CALLS.

Traveled in a Hay Wagon Armed With Mistletoe and Kissed Their Hostesses.

The old custom of making New Year's calls was revived, yesterday, in this city by a party of young men who made their rounds in a wagon with hay shelvings. They carried a quantity of mistletoe and claimed and exercised the right it gave them to kiss the ladies who passed under it and they made sure that all upon whom they called should get under the mistletoe whether they would or not.

Inasmuch as they made twenty-three calls and chose their victims from among the fairest of Middletown ladies, they had a most interesting time and captured enough kisses to last them for a whole year.

Whether the ladies enjoyed the calls as much as did the callers is not definitely settled as the reports are not all in. The young men, however, report that they were cordially received and refreshments of some kind were served at every house.

The callers who are now envied by all the rest of the young men in town were Messrs. A. M. Ambler, Walter Startup, Chas. A. Adams, Richard Knight, Samuel Knight, Brewster Beattie, Wickham Young, Chas. A. Ketcham, of this city, and Frank Dolson, of Port Jervis.

THE EARLY CLOSING MOVEMENT

Dry and Fancy Goods Stores to Close at Six O'clock.

The following merchants in the dry and fancy goods line have signed an agreement to close their stores at 6 o'clock every evening except Mondays and Saturdays from Jan. 5 to March 20.

Carson & Towner, Frank Crawford, Mrs. C. P. Clark, A. S. Brall, J. D. Horton, Weller & Demerest, L. Stern, Max Katzinger, S. McLean, Geo. B. Adams & Co., C. W. Fancher & Co., New York Store, Hart Davis, Van Duzer & Smith, C. E. Crawford Furniture Co., H. S. Johnson, Economy Store, Children's Bazaar, Matthews & Co., H. E. Churchill & Co., E. K. Becknell (Housekeepers' bargain store.)

ORANGE COUNTY TRUST COMPANY.

A Semi-Annual Dividend of Three Per Cent. Declared—A Very Satisfactory Showing.

The report of the Orange County Trust and Safe Deposit Company, published elsewhere in this paper, shows a very flourishing condition of affairs in Middletown's youngest financial institution.

The business done during the past six months was the largest and most profitable in the history of the company, and speaks highly of the conservative management by its officers.

The Board of Directors met, last evening, and declared a semi-annual dividend of three per cent.

Sailing the Ocean Blue.

George Winters, Jr., son of George Winters, of this city, has secured a position as cabin boy on the American bark Freeman, bound on a fourteen months' voyage to East London, South Africa.

Week of Prayer Union Meetings.

The Union meetings of the week of prayer will be held in the First Presbyterian Church, every afternoon next week at 3 o'clock.

HARMONIA COUNCIL'S BALL.

Members of the Legion of Honor and Friends Dance Out the Old Year.

Members of Harmonia Council, American Legion of Honor and their friends, danced out the old year, Thursday night, and welcomed in the new at Mastuenchor Hall. The attendance was large and all had a very pleasant time.

Music was furnished by Weingartner and Preston and dancing was kept up till 2 o'clock, Friday morning. Refreshments were served about midnight.

St. Paul's Sunday School Christmas Entertainment.

The Christmas exercises of St. Paul's Sunday School were held on Thursday evening in the lecture room of the church. After a short programme the teachers and their classes were invited to the basement of the church where the committee had provided a bountiful supper, consisting of sandwiches, salads, cake, ice cream and fruit, after which each scholar was given a bag of candy, popcorn and nuts and an orange.

Sale of the Deckertown Condensery.

From the Deckertown Independent.

B. P. Walling has purchased of the Sussex Cream Company the condensery building and its equipment in this town, and will take possession January 1st. The old creamery building on Hamburg avenue is still retained by the company, Mr. Walling purchasing only the condensery building and plant. Mr. Walling will conduct the property as a creamery and condensery.

Bank Dividends.

—The First National Bank of Port Jervis has declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent., set aside $2,000 for the reduction of premiums on U. S. bonds, and added over $1,000 to its undivided profits.

Sure to Win.

The people recognize and appreciate real merit. That is why Hood's Sarsaparilla has the largest sales in the world. Merit in medicine means the power to cure. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures—absolutely, permanently cures. It is the One True Blood Purifier. Its superior merit is an established fact and merit wins.

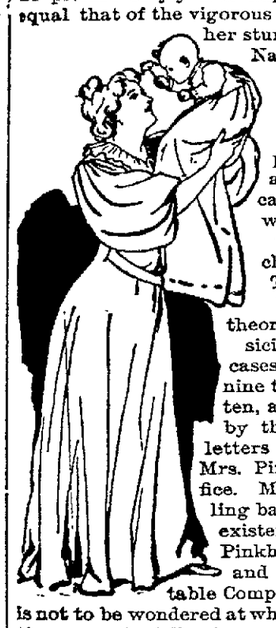
Hood's Pills are easy to take, easy to operate. Cure indigestion, headache.

JOYS OF MATERNITY.

Vigorous Mothers and Sturdy Children Are Always Admired.

Why so Many Women Are Childless—A Problem That Has Puzzled Physicians for Centuries.

Reproduction is a law of nature, and no picture of joy and happiness can equal that of the vigorous mother and her sturdy child.



Nature makes but few mistakes, and every thoughtful person must admit that a cause exists, why so many women are childless.

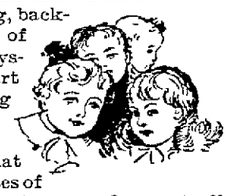
The subject baffles the theories of physicians. Such cases are curable nine times out of ten, as evidenced by thousands of letters on file at Mrs. Pinkham's office. Many a darling baby owes its existence to Mrs. Pinkham's advice and the Vegetable Compound. This is not to be wondered at when such testimony as the following explains itself:

"I have taken three bottles of your Vegetable Compound, one package of Sanative Wash, one box of Liver Pills; and now I have a dear little babe four weeks old, and I am well. I have to thank you for this.

"I have spent $200.00 for doctor's bills without obtaining any relief. For my cure I only spent $5.00.

"I had been a victim of female troubles in their worst form; suffered untold agonies every month; had to stay in bed, and have poultices applied, and then could not stand the pain.

"My physician told me if I became pregnant I would die. I had bladder trouble, itching, backache, catarrh of the stomach, hysteria and heart trouble, fainting spells and leucorrhœa. Can you wonder that I sing the praises of a medicine that has cured me of all these ills?"—Mrs. Geo. C. Kirchner, 872 Belmont Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.



BLOOMINGBURGH.

Personal Notes—Filled His Ice House

Correspondence of Argus and Mercury.

—W. T. Sherer, of Arkansas, formerly of this place, is in town.

—H. C. Miller expects to return to his school at Mt. Hermon, Mass., Monday, Jan. 4th.

—D. D. Low has completed filling his ice house with ice eight inches thick.

—Elwood Noxon has returned from New York, where he has been for several weeks.

A Skating Party.

Miss Bessie Wilkison gave a skating party to a number of her friends, last evening, in honor of her friend and guest, Miss Ora Lanpher, of Norwich.

After returning from skating the guests played cards and other games until a late hour this morning.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

JAS. P. TIGHE, Commission Broker, Stern Building, 16 North street, Middletown, N. Y. Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin.

New York, Jan. 2, '97.

	Yesterday Close	To-day Close
Sugar	110¾	111¼
Tobacco	78¾	78½
Chicago Gas	73⅞	74⅛
Nat. Lead	—	—
General Electric	32½	34
C. S. L., pref	60⅝	60½
Tenn. Coal and Iron	25½	26⅛
A. T. & S. F.	14	14⅜
C. B. & Q.	69½	70¼
C. M. & St. P.	73⅛	73⅝
R. I.	65⅞	66⅝
D. L. & W.	—	—
C. of N. J.	100	100½
Erie	—	—
D. and H.	116	116⅞
O. & W.	14¼	—
Susquehanna & Western	—	—
Susquehanna & West., pref.	—	—
P. & R.	26⅞	27⅛
N. W.	102	102⅝
L. S.	—	152
N. Y. C.	—	—
M. P.	20	20½
Texas	—	—
U. P.	9	—
W. Union	83¼	83⅝
L. & N.	48	48½
Manhattan	89¼	88⅝
P. M.	—	—
Wabash, pref.	15¾	16
No. Pacific, pref.	—	32½
W. L.	—	6
Southern R'y	—	—
Southern, pref.	26	—
May Wheat	83¾	84⅞
May Corn	26⅝	25¾
May Oats	19½	19⅜
May Pork	$7 17	$7 92
May Lard	3 77	4 00

DIED.

DUSENBERRY—In this city, Dec. 31st, '96, Mary Eliza, widow of the late Theodore Dusenberry, aged fifty-seven years.

Funeral Sunday, from the residence of her son-in-law, Charles Green, No. 7 Hoffman street, at two-thirty o'clock. Interment in Hillside Cemetery.

[illegible] Lady Assistant. Telephone No. 3. New York Office, 150 East 25th St.

KNAPP & MERRITT, Undertakers and Embalmers, corner West Main and James Sts. Lady assistant. Telephones Nos. 10 and 22.

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DOUGHERTY & REILLY, Undertakers and Embalmers, 50 Cottage street, Middletown, telephone 14, night and day. New York office, 27 Great Jones street.

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DR. FRANCIS VALK will be at Dr. T. D. Mills' office, Thursday, Jan. 7th. 1tw&dSat

EXTRACTING with gas 50c., odontunder 50c. No charge for extracting when artificial teeth are to be inserted. Best teeth $6, $8 and $10 a set. Twenty years' experience. 99d&wtf DR. ROBINSON, 44 and 46 James St.

CLAIRVOYANT—PROF. W. H. SAGENDORF has left town and will return to Middletown the 18th of January, 1897, and remain one week at Wm. S. Roe's, 37 James St. 18d&w3mMch17

PIPES, PIPES, PIPES.

I will offer this week, at my store, pipes at a great reduction. Now is the time to buy. Don't fail to come in and examine my stock, as I have the largest assortment to select from in the city. Electric Cigar Store, No. 12 North street, Middletown. 42d&wlyMy20 N. D. MILLS, Prop.

"HARDING'S Handy Hanger," price 12 cents Keeps coat, vest and pants in good shape, all at the same time. A fine Christmas gift. G. F. HARDING, Mfr., Wurtsboro, N. Y.

FOR SALE—Hotel, boarding houses, farms and private residences; also properties to rent. Enquire of ELMER PITTS. 18d6t&w3mMh17 Bloomingburgh, N. Y.

MERRILL & BURKE, Attorneys and Counsellors at Law, Wilcox Building, 57 North street.

CHAMBERS' Mandrake Liver Pills equal to Schenk's or any other liver pills only 20 cents. Try them. Sold only at CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street.

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REPORT Showing the condition of the

Orange Co. Trust and Safe Deposit Co.

at the close of business Dec. 31st, 1896:

RESOURCES.

Bonds and mortgages	$100,597 97
Stocks and bonds at market value	314,977 88
Loaned on collaterals	211,515 42
Loaned on personal security	54,614 53
Due from banks and trust companies	63,049 82
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	33,700 20
Accrued interest and rents	12,554 99
Cash on hand	41,498 64
	$832,509 45

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$100,000 00
Surplus		25,000 00
Undivided profits		34,246 92
Due depositors:		
Accounts	$584,431 99	
Certificates	84,382 77	
		668,814 76
Interest accrued, due depositors		2,527 18
Due to banks and trust companies		1,920 59
		$832,509 45

State of New York, County of Orange, ss:

GEO. N. CLEMSON, President, and G. SPENCER COWLEY, Sec'y of the Orange County Trust and Safe Deposit Company, located and doing business at Monument Square, Middletown, N. Y., being duly sworn, each for himself, saith that the foregoing report and the schedules accompanying the same, are, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the condition of said institution at the close of business on the last day of December, 1896.

(Signed) GEO. N. CLEMSON, President.
(Signed) G. SPENCER COWLEY, Secretary.

Severally subscribed and sworn to by both deponents the 1st day of January 1897.

(Signed) WM. B. ROYCE, Notary Public.

Examined and found correct.

(Signed)
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21c Cream Damask Table Linen, 56 inch. 3½c regular width Apron Checks.

24c for 56 inch Satin Damask 15c gross for good Lead Pencils.

4⅞c Union Linen Plaid Toweling. 2c dozen better Lead Pencils.

3¼c Twilled Cotton Toweling 3c cake for good Toilet Soap.

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